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A-G Harish blasts GSS 'lynch' reports

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Attorney-General Yosef Harish said yesterday that the killing of the two captured Arab terrorists in the Tel Aviv-Askelon bus hijacking "has been investigated enough. The continued rehashing of the killings is harmful to the state and [shows] lack of responsibility."

Harish, speaking to *The Jerusalem Post*, was referring to yesterday's state of reports, alleging that General Security Service chief Avraham Shalom ordered the killing in April 1984 of the two terrorists, and that the killing "like a lynching," was carried out by five GSS operatives.

Harish indicated that what requires investigation is the subsequent alleged cover-up, the perjury and falsification of evidence by the GSS, at Shalom's orders, before two inquiry bodies and the internal GSS court headed by a district court judge.

Harish denounced yesterday's reports, saying that they were "directed at disturbing the attorney-general from calmly reaching a decision" about how to handle the affair.

Harish is expected to order some form of secret judicial inquiry into the alleged cover-up.

Meanwhile, Likud MK Ehud Olmert yesterday complained to Prime Minister Peres about the media reports, attributing them to

former attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir. In his letter to Peres, Olmert said that Zamir had committed a grievous criminal offence and had damaged the State of Israel and the GSS by releasing classified information acquired during his term of office.

Olmert charged that Zamir was leaking information to the press in an effort to "coerce" Harish into launching a full scale inquiry into the affair.

Citing sources close to the GSS affair, Olmert yesterday reported that Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy ordered the IDF commandos who stormed the hijacked bus to kill all four hijackers. But the troops killed two and captured two. The two captured terrorists should not have been killed, a source told Olmert.

The two, according to the source, were killed by five GSS agents at Shalom's express command.

Olmert also quoted sources as saying that Foreign Minister Shamir, who was prime minister in 1984, approved the launching of the Zorea and Blattman inquiries, and said that Shamir was lying when he denied this. Sources close to Shamir reacted yesterday by saying that Shamir did not support the launching of the inquiries.

The sources close to the GSS affair said that the evidence on the affair

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Peres warns: Won't allow lawlessness

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The government will not hesitate to exercise all its powers to fight religious or anti-religious violence, Prime Minister Peres said yesterday. Making a government statement in the Knesset on the friction between the religious and secular communities, Peres said there would be no compromise with those who take the law into their own hands.

Addressing a well-attended House, the prime minister said that article 173(g) of the Penal Code deals adequately with the publication of anything offensive to religious feelings. But what is offensive could be determined by the courts alone.

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Peres said that the overwhelming majority of the nation would "not allow a group of deviants to divert the ship of Israel from its historic course or to force it into the murky waters of violence and intolerance."

But he said it was essential that the leaders of the various groups and their elected representatives speak out unequivocally against violence and civil rebellion.

"Destruction [of the state] is not just a threat from without, but also a historical memory," Peres said, apparently referring to the fall of the Second Commonwealth.

He said that words were inadequate to express the shock everyone felt over the arson at a synagogue, the vandalism at a yeshiva, and the mutilating of sacred books.

The religious public should be aware that the secularists sanctify such Jewish values as Eretz Yisrael, the Scriptures, the Hebrew language, and Jewish ethics, Peres said. And the secularists must respect the deep feelings of religious Jews for the precepts of the Torah.

Peres said he considered it a contradiction to the *mitzvah* to operate on the Sabbath at a stadium, a public hall, or cable car that were not previously operated. He was working to correct these deviations, he said.

"There is no Zionism without the Jewish heritage, and there is no Judaism in our times without the Zionist vision. The two can exist here only on the basis of true and complete democracy," Peres said.

Elazar Granot (Mapam) led off the debate with a bitter attack on the prime minister's attempts to "appease" those who come "with paint brush, kerosene, and matches."

He said the problem was a group that denies the sovereignty and authority of the state and is dragging it from democracy and law to the darkness of the Middle Ages. "We will not

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The remains of the truck that overturned twice and killed three soldiers at the bottom of a 12-metre decline near Ma'aleh Ephraim. Another photo - Page 2 (Dan Landau)

Three soldiers killed, 23 hurt in truck mishap

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
Three paratroopers were killed and 23 others were injured yesterday morning when the truck in which they were travelling overturned near Ma'aleh Ephraim, halfway between Nablus and Jericho. The dead are Neil Ben-Atar, 19, of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, Yiftah Ophir, 20, of Moshav Kidron, and Raviv Set, 20, of Kibbutz Yagur.

Twelve of the injured were taken to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, and the other 11 to Tel Hashomer Hospital, after receiving first aid.

The police are investigating whether a defect in the brakes caused the vehicle to swerve onto the shoulder of the road and skid down a 12-metre decline.

The truck overturned twice, trapping the soldiers beneath it.

Some of the soldiers told the *Itim* news agency that the driver lost control because he was driving at excessive speed. They also pointed out that the vehicle was unbalanced because of the large amount of military gear strapped to its roof.

A vehicle belonging to Ma'aleh

Ephraim summoned aid. Three helicopters and seven ambulances, from nearby settlements, soon began rescuing the soldiers.

Menachem Shalev adds: Hadassah Hospital activated its off-tested procedures for dealing with mass injuries. The hospital received ample warning of the impending influx of injured soldiers and the hospital's emergency room was fully staffed with nurses and various specialists by the time the helicopter arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Zvi Stern, director of the hospital, said one soldier was in serious condition, five had intermediate injuries and six were lightly injured, although all would spend the night at the hospital. He said the injuries were characteristic for this type of accident: mainly bruises, broken limbs, concussions and head injuries.

At Tel Hashomer Hospital, Dr. David Kreizler, the deputy director, said that the hospital had had enough time to prepare for the arrival of the 11 soldiers who were brought there in two helicopters.

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Mass strike marks tenth Soweto riot anniversary

JOHANNESBURG. - In the face of the government's harshest clampdown ever, blacks staged a mass nationwide general strike yesterday to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Soweto riots in which hundreds of blacks were killed.

Millions of blacks stayed away from work, multi-racial congregations held emotional church services and the government reported eight more violent deaths yesterday.

Five of the eight victims died in black-against-black violence and the others were killed during security operations. The latest violence took the death toll to 21 since the government imposed a nationwide state of emergency last Thursday.

The government, claiming activists planned "a day of anarchy," banned non-church gatherings linked to the anniversary, imposed a national state of emergency giving security forces almost unfettered powers, and early yesterday further tightened already severe restrictions on news media.

Journalists were barred from entering black areas, where residents reported unrest increased towards evening.

The Rev. Sidwell Thelelane, an Anglican priest in the township of New Brighton near Port Elizabeth, said youths had blocked streets with barricades of blazing tyres. Soweto residents reported similar barricades, as well as stone-throwing, as night fell.

Journalists were also prohibited from reporting on operations of the security forces, such as their response to the Soweto unrest. Government spokesman Leon Meller said soldiers and police were "on standby and on patrol at every possible place where trouble could be expected."

In addition, telephone lines were reported cut to black townships around most major cities, including Johannesburg, Cape Town, Dur-

ban, Kimberly and Port Elizabeth. They were restored late in the day.

"There is probably less freedom in South Africa at present than there is in Communist Russia," white opposition politician Ray Swart told Parliament.

In smog-shrouded Soweto, the country's largest black township where student demonstrations sparked the 1976 uprising, most resi-

Peres slams apartheid

Prime Minister Peres, denouncing apartheid, told a black African leader yesterday that Israel and the Jewish people will not compromise with racial discrimination.

At a meeting with Liberian Foreign Minister J. Bernard Blamo, Peres "expressed Israel's determined opposition to apartheid in South Africa," a statement from Peres's office said.

dents appeared to shelter indoors and, from afar, the sprawling township resembled a ghost town.

With rallies prohibited, blacks across the country instead attended special church services to commemorate the anniversary, which they want declared a public holiday.

In Luxembourg, a meeting of the European Economic Community foreign ministers yesterday reached no decision on imposing sanctions on South Africa.

The Reagan administration yesterday denied reports that it was considering further sanctions against South Africa in light of the intensified crackdown on dissent and freedom of the press in the country.

In Paris, President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, opened a major international meeting on South Africa with a call for industrial nations to adopt "comprehensive, mandatory and severe" sanctions. (AP, Reuters, AFP)



"Stop the burning" reads the sign on the "peace shelter," a torched bus stop which young people, organized by the Gesher movement, repaired yesterday outside the capital's central bus station. Full story on page 2. (Brian Hendler)

Moda'i denies Israel lied

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i sharply denied here yesterday that Israel had been lying over the Pollard spy affair. "If there is any [evidence], let them produce it," Moda'i said.

He noted that Jonathan Pollard "would not have been indicted at all had it not been for Israel's cooperation."

Pollard, a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, is now awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to spying for Israel.

Moda'i met yesterday with Secretary of State George Shultz and Attorney-General Edwin Meese in an effort to limit the political fallout of the Pollard affair.

He told newsmen after his talk with Shultz that he was urging the administration to accelerate the legal proceedings in the Pollard affair.

Moda'i is due today to meet with the State Department's legal affairs adviser, Judge Abraham Sofaer, and with Vice-President George Bush.

In public comments in recent days, President Reagan has twice appeared to play down the allegations of widespread Israeli espionage activities in the U.S.

'Murphy to meet Soviets in Sweden'

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. - The U.S. and the Soviet Union are scheduled to meet next week in Stockholm to review the situation in the Middle East, U.S. officials disclosed.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy will represent the U.S. in what American officials described as "routine" discussions which the U.S. has periodically with the Soviets on regional issues.

Rabin warns Syria

TEL AVIV. - Syria should beware of overstaying its welcome in South Lebanon, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned here yesterday.

Rabin said that the Syrian unit that crossed south of the ceasefire line last week, the first time since last year's pullback, numbered several hundred soldiers. Its intervention halted fighting just north of the security zone between a militia associated with the Syrian Social Nationalist Party and the Hizbollah militia, supported by Iran.

Rabin said Israel approved of intervention directed against Hizbollah, but that Syria should "not stay beyond the time needed to establish order" in the area.

Israel and South Africa

Embassy closure upgrades image

TEL AVIV. - For years, Israel has been regarded by much of the world as a member of a "unity of parish states," along with Taiwan and South Africa. With its decision to close the Israel Embassy in Pretoria for one day yesterday, the 10th anniversary of the Soweto riots, the government took another giant step towards altering that image.

One of Prime Minister Peres's proudest boasts has been that Israel's image in the West has improved immeasurably under his tutelage. Joining the Western consensus on South Africa is an unavoidable element of that improvement.

"When it comes to our security or the PLO, we have no option but to differ with the West," one Labour minister told *The Jerusalem Post*. "But on an issue such as South Africa, we have the opportunity of proving our credentials without

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harming our essential interests.

Israel's joining the Western consensus is likely to be limited and conditional, however. There is strong sentiment in the government against taking action stronger than that already taken, and the need to foster increased allyship from South Africa is a powerful deterrent against the application of more than symbolic measures.

If anything was surprising about the decision to close the embassy, it was the apparent ease with which it was adopted in the cabinet on Sunday. Several ministers, among them Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe

Arens, were reportedly opposed to the step, but were outvoted.

Israel has consistently opposed the apartheid policies of the white regime in South Africa and was one of that country's most vocal critics during the fifties and sixties. Starting in the mid-seventies, however, and particularly during the Begin years, the two countries developed close commercial and military ties.

South Africa is the major supplier of coal for the Hadera power plant, and provides other raw materials, including steel and strategic metals. It is also an important market for Israeli military exports. The two countries cooperate in a variety of research and development projects, stretching from agriculture to the military.

Those in the government who oppose taking punitive measures against South Africa argue that the

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Nazareth	47	18-28	28
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ARRIVALS

To participate in the Hebrew University Board of Governors meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Abby Becker (Canada), Mrs. Maria de la Paz, Mrs. Heidi Letai, Mrs. Maria Moya and Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Trias (Spain); Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kaye (South Africa); Dr. Kenneth Alberman, Mr. Ellis Birk, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Baron Cohen, Mrs. Myrtle Franklin, Mr. Michael Goe, Lord and Lady Kassin, Mr. John Sacher, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Silverstone, Dr. John Slone and Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg (U.K.); Mr. Jeffrey Galla, Mr. and Mrs. Prof. Lloyd S. Shapley (U.S.), accompanied by Mrs. Shapley, to receive an Honorary Doctorate at the Hebrew University Convocation Thursday.

DEPARTURES

Minister of Economic Planning Gad Ya'ari, to the U.S., for the founding meeting of a joint U.S.-Israel investment corporation.

Edith Varga-Biro, 'Post' art critic, at 59

Dr. Edith Varga-Biro, *The Jerusalem Post* art critic in Haifa and the North, died yesterday afternoon after a long illness. Dr. Biro, 59, received her degree in art history at the University of Rome and came to this country in 1952. Of Hungarian-Jewish background, she was a former curator of Haifa's Ethnological Museum. She is survived by her husband, Paul Biro, four children, and a brother in the U.S.

Waldheim to visit Mathausen camp site

PARIS (JTA). - Kurt Waldheim, Austria's newly elected president, plans to visit the site of the former concentration camp of Mathausen in "homage to the victims of Nazism."

Waldheim did not say when he will visit the site, which is north of Vienna, but said "it will be soon." He also said he would "fight anti-Semitism in all its forms," and pledged to continue supporting Austria's serving as a transit point for Jews leaving the Soviet Union.

Asked whether he would visit Israel, Waldheim said he would do so "once spirits will have calmed down." He added that he wanted

27-months jail for rape of mentally retarded woman

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - A 25-year-old man with a criminal record was jailed for 27 months by the district court here for the rape of a mentally retarded married woman.

Shlomo Danino, knowing that his victim was receiving psychiatric treatment at the local hospital, presented himself at her home saying he was a Health Ministry doctor sent to examine her. During the "examination," the woman's husband returned home, and Danino told him that he was taking the woman to hospital to continue his examination. The woman agreed to accompany him, the court was told. Danino then drove off with the woman, and when they had travelled some distance, he turned the car into a schoolyard and raped her.

The three-man bench opted for a light sentence, noting that there had been a degree of cooperation by the

HOME NEWS

President Herzog terms ultra-Orthodox - secular strife 'a disgrace'

Kach supporters say they started CRM office fire

Jerusalem Post Staff

Just hours before President Herzog termed recent attacks on synagogues and yeshivot "home-grown anti-Semitism," Meir Kahane's Kach members, or those claiming to represent them, called a Jerusalem journalist to say that his extreme right wing group had torched the offices of the Citizens Rights Movement in the capital.

The fire in the CRM office broke out in the early hours of yesterday morning, causing damage estimated at some \$3,000. A fire brigade spokesman said the blaze had been set from two sites in the office and the arsonists had used a rag soaked in a flammable liquid.

At about 2 a.m. a caller saying he represented Kach phoned a journalist and said that the CRM office had been torched by his movement. He said that Kach members had also

daubed slogans on the capital's CRM and Mapam offices. Yesterday morning, both offices bore black-painted signs saying: "Stop the incitement to strife between brothers now - if not Kach will take care of you!"

CRM leader Shulamit Aloni maintained that, whoever set the fire, the incitement was the fault of Tebiya and especially of its MK Geula Cohen. On Sunday, Cohen said that the CRM had been indirectly responsible for the attacks on two synagogues because of its "incessant incitement."

Several hours later, Herzog spoke to the 8th National Conference for Local Government at Jerusalem's Rinyenei Ha'uma, telling the 500 local council leaders that strife between the ultra-Orthodox and secular sectors was "a disgrace to the State of Israel, a disgrace which must

be uprooted."

Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, who heads the ultra-Orthodox Shas (Sephardi Tora Guardians) Party, called on all parties, "and I include myself," to show more sensitivity for those of different views.

Meanwhile, Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro and Mordechai Eliyahu met yesterday with Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, reaching an agreement that the Jerusalem municipality would check every complaint of advertising on bus shelters that offends any resident's sensitivities. If the complaint is found justified, the municipality has undertaken to remove the advert.

In Petah Tikva, the magistrates' court released on bail four yeshiva students charged with vandalizing a bus shelter at the Geula junction. Their release was a gesture of goodwill, the court said.

Mapam's youth wing has called for a massive demonstration next Saturday evening outside the Tel Aviv Museum against ultra-Orthodox violence.

Holy texts torched at the Hildushei HaRim yeshiva last week will be solemnly buried at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery in accordance with Jewish Orthodox tradition at 5 p.m. today. Before the burial, Orthodox leaders are to gather for a mourning and protest meeting. Tens of thousands are expected to attend, with transport provided from all parts of the country. The Chief Rabbinate has called for a work stoppage during the funeral.

The Herzliya road, between the Kfar Hayarok youth village and the Ramat Gan stadium, will be closed to traffic between 6 and 7 p.m. to permit the funeral procession undisturbed passage.

A symbolic gesture of bus shelter rebuilding

**By ORIELLE BERRY
For The Jerusalem Post**

In yesterday's blazing midday sun, a group of about 50 secular and religious Jerusalemites set out to rebuild the burned out bus-stops on Jaffa Road which had been torched last week, apparently by ultra-Orthodox protesters angered by the "lewd" advertising they bore.

The gesture was initiated by Gesher, the organization dedicated to bridging the gap between religious and secular youth, and its aim was "more symbolic than anything else," according to Gesher educational coordinator Motti Bar-Or.

The group, including pupils from religious and secular schools and yeshiva students, received official permission for its "building work" from Mayor Teddy Kollek and support equipment from the Jerusalem Municipality.

Bar-Or told *The Jerusalem Post* that the group would rebuild all the burned Jaffa Road bus-stops and that a damaged bus-stop on Rehov Aza had already been rebuilt.

"We are calling each bus-stop a Sukkat Shalom [shelter of peace],"

Bar-Or said, pointing to the coloured spray-paint decorations and red carnations on one of them.

An ultra-Orthodox passerby approached by Gesher member Udi Lion at first politely declined to help, but when Lion persisted, the man finally placed a carnation on the rebuilt bus-stop.

Lion told *The Jerusalem Post*, "This is an issue that affects all of us, not only the secular."

Gesher also set up petition tables at various points around the city which are being manned by both secular and religious youths.

The petition, which is being sent to President Herzog, appeals for a "halt to the hatred between us." It continues, "We want to live together with mutual respect and without violence."

Yoel Kretzmer, a pupil at the Himmelfarb school and a member of the National Religious Party-linked Bnei Akiva youth movement, told *The Jerusalem Post* that over 800 people, including at least 50 *haredim*, had signed the petition at the table he was manning at the central bus station.



Ronen Wolfson, of Mishmar Hanegve, injured in yesterday's accident at Ma'aleh Ephraim, gets medical treatment in Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem.

Ya'ari trial recesses amid disagreements over evidence

**By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post**

TEL AVIV. - The trial of Hava Ya'ari and Aviva Granot for the murder of tourist Mala Malavsky recessed for three months yesterday, after expert witnesses disagreed for the second day running over crucial pieces of evidence.

Ya'ari and Granot are both to be held in the Neveh Tirza prison until the trial resumes in September.

Dr. Rosa Techick of the Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine told the district court here yesterday that she had identified at least one of three hairs, found on the car Ya'ari drove on the night of the alleged murder, as belonging to Malavsky.

Techick said that one hair matched Malavsky's hair, though the other two hairs could not be checked because they were white and so lacked pigment.

But Techick's testimony was soon contradicted by police officer Alma Yoel of the Jerusalem criminal investigations unit. Under cross-examination by Ya'ari's attorney,

Yoel admitted that in her first report after the alleged murder she had concluded that the single coloured hair was too short to be used for a comparison.

According to the charge sheet, Ya'ari and Granot drove Malavsky to the Tel Aviv beach on the night of March 10, 1985, placed her in a sitting position in front of Ya'ari's car and then drove into her from behind. Malavsky was allegedly dragged along the ground for several metres before she was scalped by the vehicle.

So it was important to the prosecution case to prove that the hairs on Ya'ari's car belonged to Malavsky.

Ya'ari has said that Malavsky leapt from the car after struggling with Granot and was then hit by a different car.

On Sunday, Abu Kabir coroner Dr. Britton Levy testified that he had refused to sign another coroner's report that Malavsky had been killed first and then run over by a car.

Submit a complaint, Bar-Lev tells those who object to public posters

**By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent**

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday invited persons whose religious susceptibilities are offended by posters in the public domain to submit a formal complaint to the police under article 173 (g) of the Penal Code.

This provides for a maximum sentence of one year's imprisonment for "anyone who publishes by way of print, manuscript, picture or image, something calculated to give offence to the faith or the religious susceptibilities of others."

The minister said that, to his recollection, this article of the Penal Code had not been put to the test.

"On the assumption that the complaint is serious and bona fide, we shall investigate it the same way we examine other complaints. While the investigation is under way, the officer responsible has the discretionary power to settle the matter between the person who complains and the person or firm responsible for the poster," the minister said.

"If the officer were handling a complaint about a family quarrel or intolerable noise from neighbours, he would similarly try, I assume, to settle the problem amicably, without making legal proceedings inevitable," the minister said.

able," the minister said.

"If the matter cannot be settled that way, the police will complete their probe and submit a file to the public prosecutor. The prosecutor will then decide if legal proceedings are required."

"I would not presume to venture on court territory, and offences under the Penal Code, being of a criminal and not a civil nature, do not normally leave the bench the discretion to suggest that the problem be settled out of court. But enough precedents exist, to enable the bench to do just this," Bar-Lev said.

Lawyer-parliamentarian Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui), who was present when Bar-Lev spoke to *The Jerusalem Post*, endorsed this view.

"It would seem to me that the element of geography, or of home territory, would count a lot in any court hearing," Bar-Lev said, referring to the location of the offending poster.

"A court case would be the best way to put the whole poster problem into clearer focus," he said. "All this being on the assumption that the ultra-Orthodox elements behind the anti-poster campaign would be willing to seek a remedy in the court system. So far, they have not been willing to do so."

Gush Emunim squatters evicted from Mt. Gerizim

**By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter**

IDF troops yesterday evicted four Gush Emunim squatters who had pitched tents on Mt. Gerizim overlooking Nablus.

The squatters, who set up the two tents Thursday near a pumping station on the mountainside, avoided detection until yesterday. Troops had searched the area since the squatters revealed their location to reporters this week.

Military sources said the squatters packed their gear and left without incident after being ordered to evacuate the area.

A spokesman for the group said they had moved in after the Defence Ministry prohibited them from spending Shavuot night at Joseph's

Tomb on the outskirts of the city.

At the Rafidiya neighbourhood of Nablus, meanwhile, security forces used tear gas to disperse a stone-throwing crowd that gathered to protest against the demolition of two homes in the area. The homes belonged to men suspected of killing a local resident they considered a collaborator with Israel. The neighbourhood was put under curfew for two hours after the demolition.

At Bir Zeit University, students held a sit-in strike to protest against attacks by the Shi'ite Amal militia on Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. Palestinian sources said. The students also held a mock funeral for Khaled Nazzari, a top official of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine slain in Athens last week.

**HOME NEWS
IN BRIEF**

Peres's bill would ease sexual discrimination

Prime Minister Peres has presented a draft bill to the cabinet aimed at eliminating discrimination against women by extending their retirement age. Women today retire at 60. The proposed amendment would give them the option of retiring between 60 and 65.

Peres said that requiring a woman to retire at 60 is a form of economic discrimination and a blow to her psyche, the spokesman of the Prime Minister's Office said.

Arab Culture Week

HAIFA. - Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Navon last night opened the fifth annual Arab Culture Week with a pledge to work for deeper mutual understanding of the cultures and languages of Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens.

Speaking at the ceremony in the Beit Hagefen Arab-Jewish Centre, Navon said that Israel has 700,000 Arab citizens and it is the state's duty to provide for their cultural needs.

Mayor Arye Gurel also spoke. Shortly before the ceremony began, a bomb alarm, which proved to be false, was phoned to the centre.

Israel increasing aid to Liberia

Israel has agreed to increase its aid to Liberia and "to cooperate" with it against international terrorism, Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday.

They were speaking after a meeting between Liberian Foreign Minister Dr. J. Bernard Blamo and Foreign Minister Shamir. Blamo said Liberia was interested in increased technical assistance from Israel in agriculture and in medicine, with special emphasis on eye diseases.

Israel and Liberia re-established diplomatic relations in 1983, following their rupture in the wake of the Yom Kippur War. Liberia was the first African country to recognize Israel, in 1948, and the ties between the two countries have traditionally been very good.

Shamir asked that Liberia transfer its embassy to Jerusalem, a request that Blamo said he would convey to his president, Samuel Doe.

Blamo spoke of Libya as the focus of "unrest" in black Africa and noted that, since the U.S. air strikes against Libya, Libyan subversive activity in Africa had markedly decreased.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved

HORST MEIR KLIMOWSKI

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Grandchildren: Amir, Nidl and Ron
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We mourn the passing of

SOLOMON DAVIDOWITZ

The funeral will take place at 6:00 p.m. today, June 17, 1986, 10 Shvan at Kahal Chassidim, Rehov Hapigsa, Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem. Shiva will be observed at the Davidowitz residence, 61 Rehov Bayit Vegan.

His wife: Bracha
His children: Moshe and Muriel Davidowitz
Gaby and Sidney Finkelstein
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Deena and Fred Goodman
Joyce and Abe Carrey
His grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my husband, our father, our grandfather

Eng. SHMUEL RAISKY

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, June 17, 1986, at 2:00 p.m. at Holon Cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending, leaving at 1:00 p.m. from the deceased's home, 40 Bloch, Tel Aviv.

Wife, Alice
Daughter and son-in-law, Gabbi and Yacov Berger
Daughter and son-in-law, Chava and David Whisky
Grandchildren and all the family

In deep sorrow we announce the tragic death of our dear son and brother

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Pearl and Belinda and Beit Kfar Hanassi

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved daughter

HILA EISNER

after a severe illness.

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, June 17, at 3 p.m. at Kibbutz Shuval.

The Family and Kibbutz Shuval

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

FAYE BECKER

wife of Lewis, mother of Gerald, and Frances Becker, Nina, and Jack Baum, Alan, and Prina Becker, grandmother of Shula and Yossi Becker, Daniel and Jonathan Baum, Dalia and Shirlee Becker, sister of Lew, and Rene Dudack, cousin of Doris, and Zev Katz, Nina, and Eliehu Keren-David.

Service at the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, today, Tuesday, June 17, at 9:00 a.m., funeral at Kibbutz Yasur at 12:30 p.m.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear husband, father and friend

ZVI HECHAL

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, June 17, 1986 at 3 p.m. at Kibbutz Yasur.

The Family and Kibbutz Yasur

Reagan sees Afghan rebel chiefs on arms

WASHINGTON. — Afghan rebel leaders met yesterday with President Ronald Reagan, as they sought to bolster U.S. support for their guerrilla war against Afghanistan's Marxist government and Soviet troops.

Four leaders of the Afghan Resistance Alliance, the guerrilla umbrella organization met in the oval office of the White House with Reagan and his top foreign policy aides, Secretary of State George Shultz, National Security Adviser Adm. John Poindexter and Chief of Staff Don Regan.

Reagan declined to disclose details of their discussions, telling reporters, "I won't take any questions."

because we only have a very brief time for our meeting."

Earlier, the Afghans met separately with Shultz and Michael Armacost, the under secretary of state for political affairs, and were to hold a news conference after a lunch meeting with Senate minority leader Robert Byrd.

The U.S. refuses to discuss its covert military aid to the rebels but is thought to have supplied them with hundreds of millions of dollars in arms since the Soviets invaded in 1979. Now the guerrillas are critically short of anti-aircraft weapons for use against Soviet helicopters and jet fighters.

The Afghans rebels are also leary of so-called "proximity talks" between the Marxist government and Pakistan held in Geneva under UN auspices. The latest round of talks, which ended this month, founded on Soviet refusal to set a date for withdrawal of their invasion force, estimated at 115,000 according to a State Department official.

The guerrilla leaders object to the talks because they are not directly involved. "But as a practical matter, no agreement can be reached without their approval," said the U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The rebels maintain political

offices in neighbouring Pakistan, to which up to 3 million Afghans of a total population estimated at 15 million have fled since the war began.

The four leaders arrived in Washington on Saturday, and met Sunday with 500 of their compatriots at an elementary school in Alexandria, Virginia, urging them to work in support of the guerrillas while maintaining their culture and Islamic religion.

Two of the seven leaders of the Resistance Alliance reportedly refused to come to Washington because they objected to many aspects of American policy. (AP, AFP)

Belgium, USSR provide a great soccer treat

LEON, Mexico (Reuters). — Belgium pulled off a major World Cup surprise when they beat the highly-fancied Soviet Union 4-3 after extra time in a magnificently hard-fought and engrossing second-round match, the best game of the tournament to date. The score was 2-2 at full time. The winners twice pulled back to level the score after trailing during normal time. The referee overruled a linesman to award Belgium their second goal — the linesman had signalled "offsides."

The Belgians then killed off the Russians with two goals in extra time, although Igor Belanov's third goal in the 111th minute, a penalty, ensured that the nerve-racking suspense should endure until the very end.

Thunder rumbled in the late stages of the game and rain sheeted down as the white-shirted Soviet team swarmed forward in desperate attempts to achieve the equalizer which would have taken the match to a penalty shoot-out. But Belgium held out, as the epic battle reached its conclusion with goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff tipping a chip from second-half substitute Vadim Yev-

tushenko over his crossbar.

The match provided spectacular football, and demonstrated to the doubters why soccer is the most popular game in the world. It contained all that was good about the game — a handful of goals, skill of the highest order, good sportsmanship and not least, a referee, Erik Fredriksson of Sweden, whose control never wavered.

The non-stop action also proved that the International Football Federation (Fifa), under attack about other elements of the tournament's organization, were correct when they said the second stage would bring an end to the cynical soccer so often seen in the opening round.

Belanov scored the first two Soviet goals from passes by fellow-striker Alexander Zavarov in the 28th and 70th minutes, but these were cancelled out by Enzo Scifo in the 56th and Jan Ceulemans, a superb midfielder general and captain, in the 77th minute. The controversial second Belgian goal was set up by young defender Stephane De Mol, who booted a long ball up-field, and found a posse of attackers pouring forward behind the Soviet defence.



In the 12th minute of extra time, Eric Gerets floated over a cross from the right which found De Mol rising at the far post to plant his header into the net. Seven minutes later, Nico Claessen appeared to have put the match beyond all doubt when he juggled the ball on his foot before netting Belgium's fourth. But the Soviet Union, who had scored nine goals in their three first-round matches, would not yield and two minutes later Belanov hauled them back. The lively striker, a constant headache for the Belgian defence, was fouled in the box, and took the resulting penalty himself, hammering his spotkick high into the net with Pfaff just able to get a hand to it but powerless to keep it out.

'Generation of living dead' created by Chernobyl blast

BOSTON (AP). — The Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster in the Soviet Union has created "a new generation of the living dead," a cardiologist who examined some of the victims in a Moscow hospital told a newspaper.

Dr. Sidney Alexander, of Newton, Massachusetts, said Chernobyl radiation victims "literally have a time bomb ticking within," the survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in World War II, who later came down with cancer.

His remarks were published in the Sunday Boston Herald, which interviewed him in Washington, where he participated in an anti-nuclear rally.

Alexander said he and other doctors from the Physicians for Social

Responsibility, a U.S. anti-nuclear war group, examined seven Chernobyl victims during their June 7 visit to the hospital.

He examined a 60-year-old plant engineer whose "bone marrow was completely wiped out. He suffered severe radiation burns, a nearly lethal infection and lost all his hair."

"He was a rather stoical guy who expects to go back to the plant and continue working. I'm not sure if this man was aware of the serious nature of his illness, but as doctors we must give patients hope. Maybe he will survive," Alexander said.

Other patients had problems that ranged from nausea to major liver and lung ailments, he added.



A white South African woman and her black maid attend a church service in Johannesburg yesterday marking the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising. (Reuters telephoto)

U.S. Supreme Court to bar key proviso of budget law

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The U.S. Supreme Court will announce today that a key provision of the budget-balancing law is unconstitutional. ABC-TV reported last night.

A three-judge federal panel ruled in February the provision of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Deficit Reduction Law, calling for automatic across-the-board cuts to meet deficit-cutting goals, violated separation of powers of Congress and the president.

The key provision determined if Congress and the president cannot reach agreement on where to raise revenue to meet cuts, the controller-general working with the Office of Management and Budget would automatically decide on broad reductions.

ABC quoted Sen. Phil Gramm, a co-author of the law, as saying he and Senators Warren Rudman and Ernest Hollings would introduce a new bill to correct the unconstitutional provision and that the court's ruling would not be fatal to the deficit-reduction efforts.

The news leak of the Supreme Court decision is virtually unprecedented.

Despite the court's reported decision, the deficit-reduction law remains on the books, calling for a reduction of the federal deficit to a \$144 billion target for 1987 as part of the gradual stepdown to zero deficit by 1991.

The court decision would throw the onus back to the White House and Congress to work out an agreement on budget cuts and ways to raise revenues to reduce the deficit.

But the Supreme Court issued no ruling yesterday on the constitutionality of the deficit-reduction statute.

The court had previously announced it would hand down three decisions yesterday, but issued only two, neither involving the Gramm-Rudman law.

ABC reporter Tim O'Brien reported that, on the rare occasions when leaks have occurred from the Supreme Court, the justices have delayed issuing their rulings.

Pop stars raise \$3 million for Amnesty International

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (Reuters). — More than two dozen of the world's top pop and rock musicians performed in a packed stadium on Sunday at the end of a nationwide tour aimed at raising millions for the human-rights group Amnesty International.

More than 50,000 people crammed into Giants Stadium here for a sell-out performance to hear such stars as the reunited rock group Police, the Irish group U-2, the British star Peter Dinklage, Canadian singer Brian Adams, and American jazz great Miles Davis.

The hit of the show was Irish singer Bob Geldof, who last year started rock stars on a round of benefits fighting for every cause from hunger to ending political oppression.

Jack Healey, head of Amnesty International in the U.S., said the six-city tour should raise \$3 million for the 25-year-old Nobel Prize-winning group that fights to free political prisoners around the world.

Dissidents' bombs kill five

LONDON. — Diverse dissident groups bombed civilian targets late Sunday night in Pakistan, Corsica, Spain, Chile, and the Philippines, causing at least five deaths and scores of injuries.

A bomb derailed an express train, killing two passengers and injuring 33 in Pakistan's North-West Frontier province, which borders Afghanistan, police said.

Three police officers were killed and 25 people injured yesterday when a powerful bomb exploded in front of a movie theatre in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Three bombs exploded outside a local government building in the Corsican town of Bastia, injuring three people, police said.

In Malaga, two bombs apparently set off by Basque guerrillas beat on

MIDDLE EAST

Arab League meet

TUNIS (AFP). — King Hassan of Morocco and PLO chief Yasser Arafat have agreed on the need to hold a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers within a week, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported here yesterday.

Arafat and Hassan met over the weekend in Rabat, the Moroccan capital.

The foreign ministers should seek the widest possible Arab consensus, so as to make it possible to convene an Arab summit meeting, Arafat and Hassan agreed.

\$300m grant for Syria

DAMASCUS. — Saudi Arabia gave Syria a \$300 million grant at the beginning of this month to help it deal with its current financial crisis, Syrian radio has reported.

The weekly Al-Yawm wa-Sa'ab, published in Paris, reported over the weekend that Syrian foreign reserves had dropped to \$100m.

Jordan, Syria troops to Beirut — Arafat

CAIRO (AFP). — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat charged in an interview yesterday that there was a U.S.-inspired plan to send Jordanian and Syrian troops into Beirut.

Syria won't enter Bekaa

Post Middle East Staff CAIRO. — Under an American-mediated understanding between Syria and Israel, Syria has promised that its forces in Lebanon will not go beyond the Bekaa Valley area, Al-Ahram reported here over the weekend.

The newspaper said in its lead article that Syria and Israel had reached agreement at the beginning of April on the military presence of the two countries in Lebanon. U.S. mediation had led to the agreement, the paper said.

American sources who reported the agreement said they expected it to prevent Lebanon from becoming an area of conflict between Israel and Syria.

UAE paper: Syria, Iraq FM's did meet

ABU DHABI (Reuters). — The foreign ministers of Iraq and Syria had talks last Friday despite reports that their meeting had been postponed, a leading newspaper in the United Arab Emirates said yesterday.

The semi-official Al-Iqtisad, quoting an "informed source," said the ministers met in the Umm al-Shammar border area, but their talks produced no results because Iraq

insisted on discussing Syria's support for Iran in the Gulf War.

Jordan, playing a mediating role in an effort to reconcile Iraq and Syria, long-time political and ideological foes, said on Friday evening that the meeting had been postponed.

Al-Iqtisad said Jordan preferred to announce a postponement of the session rather than reveal a failure.

Walesa letter drives East bloc out of ILO meeting

GENEVA (Reuters). — Some 40 Soviet bloc delegates walked out of a meeting of the International Labour Organization yesterday when a letter from Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Polish Solidarity Union, was read aloud.

It was read at a closed-door meeting by Jerzy Milewski, head of a Solidarity coordinating office accredited with the Brussels-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The letter said that by refusing to grant Solidarity "its right to legal existence," Polish authorities were "in flagrant violation" of ILO rules on freedom of association and collective bargaining.

Marcos meddled in Aquino murder trial, court is told

MANILA (AFP). — The Supreme Court here yesterday opened an inquiry into the acquittal of 26 people implicated in the 1983 murder of Benigno Aquino, President Corazon Aquino's husband, and heard testimony that deposed president Ferdinand Marcos directly intervened in the case.

Justice Manuel Herrera, head of the prosecution panel in the Benigno Aquino murder case, told a court-appointed panel that Marcos summoned the chief trial judge and prosecutors to his palace on January 10, 1985, six weeks before the trial began.

Longtime Marcos ally General Fabian Ver, then the armed forces chief, 24 other soldiers and a businessman were acquitted of involvement in the 1983 murder last December. Gen. Ver fled with Marcos to Hawaii after the president was toppled in February.

Herrera said a visibly ailing Marcos gave orders, dangled rewards and insisted that a slain Communist hitman killed Aquino, disputing prosecution findings that a soldier shot him as part of a military conspiracy.

He said Marcos told them after the two-hour meeting: "Thank you for coming, thank you for your cooperation. I know how to reciprocate."

Marcos did not order them explicitly at the 1985 meeting to have the 26 acquitted, but expressed concern that new witnesses could surface later and said an acquittal would prevent another trial under the principle of double jeopardy, Herrera said.

As a result of the meeting, the prosecution amended its charges and made Gen. Ver a mere accessory to murder, allowing him to post bail, he added.

The trial court ruled that there was no evidence to back the prosecution's charges and supported the defence's position that Aquino was gunned down by a Communist, Rolando Galman, who was then killed by a security guard.

Herrera who was dropped from the prosecution in the final stages of the trial, identified those who took part in the meeting with him as Justice Manuel Pamaran, the head of the three-man court that tried the case, and national Ombudsman Manuel Fernandez, who supervised the prosecution.

Aquino's murder at Manila airport as he returned from U.S. exile triggered the political crisis that finally ended Marcos's 20-year rule and swept the opposition leader's widow to the presidency four months ago.

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Mexicans enjoy a night to remember

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Jubilant Mexicans turned the streets of the capital into a sea of sombreros, flags and banners as they celebrated their team's passage into the World Cup quarter-finals, as a result of their 2-0 victory over Bulgaria.

The biggest crowd yet to appear in this year's soccer fiesta danced to rock groups and folk singers in the main Paseo De La Reforma Boulevard, with none of the violence that marked earlier celebrations. Police and Red Cross officials had reported only a handful of minor incidents and injuries were confined to cuts and bruises.

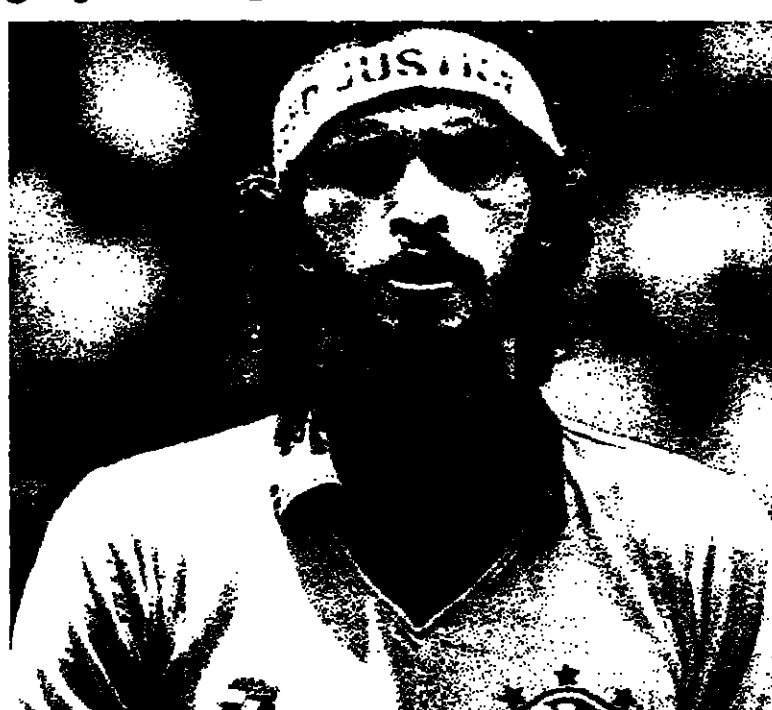
Mexico's win equals their previous best performance in the World Cup and was marked by the most spectacular goal of the tournament.

Midfielder Manuel Negrete's overhead scissor kick electrified the 120,000-strong crowd in the giant Aztec Stadium, and was the talk of the crowds thronging the streets. Negrete was also responsible for Mexico's second goal, an own goal by a Bulgarian defender trying to fend off Negrete's shot.

Mexico's prize for beating the uninspired Bulgarian side will be a quarter-final against either West Germany or Morocco in Monterrey on Saturday.

"We must be both realists and dreamers," said Mexican coach Bora Milutinovic. "Our dream is to win the World Cup, but our first objective is to win our next match."

Milutinovic, 42, played for Paris-



VICTOR. — "Dr." Socrates, Brazil's captain, led his team to a 4-0 victory over Poland yesterday. (Reuters)

zan Belgrade and French clubs Monaco and Nice before joining Mexico's University team Unam in 1972. He had intended to stay only two years, but, after shining as a midfielder for five years, the club kept him on as a coach. He led Unam to their first title in 15 years in 1979. Hugo Sanchez was a product of

Milutinovic's work grooming the club's juniors, always his strong point in management.

"With the players we have, I think we can go even further," he said. "Mexicans are going through some difficult times. This victory is what the country and Mexican football deserve."

Italians determined to foil Platini

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Michel Platini turns against his Italian League colleagues here tonight when he seeks to lead European champions France into the World Cup quarter-finals by topping title-holders Italy.

Platini has won a vast array of trophies since he joined Juventus Turin, and settled in the country of his ancestors after the 1982 World Cup. But a World Cup title is still missing from his collection, and he is determined to acquire one. A clutch of his Juventus colleagues will be out to thwart his World Cup ambitions in the second round match in the Olympic Stadium tonight.

The Italians know Platini's strengths all too well, and may detail Salvatore Bagni to shadow him, as Bagni did Diego Maradona in the 1-1 first round draw between Italy and Argentina.

"The French may think they are playing better than we are, but we'll see who's better when they meet us," Bagni said in Puebla before the open will also be a stimulus for the game. Gold needs heroes and superstars."

Floyd finished the championship two strokes ahead of Larry Wadkins and Chip Beck, who both tied the course record of 65 net earlier in the day by Mark Calcavecchia, a young pro who

but they have also got Girese and Tigana, and you can't guard them all at the same time."

The other game tonight is between Morocco and West Germany. Morocco will be hoping to frustrate their formidable opponents, to take them into extra time, and then to beat them with the aid of the heat and the altitude.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has had a month-long chat with West German manager Franz

Beckenbauer and the result is that he will start a World Cup game for the first time against Morocco. Beckenbauer and Rummenigge would figure in a three-man attack with Rudi Voller and Klaus Allofs.

Tonight's games: France v Italy, Olympic Stadium, Mexico City (20:00 Israel time). Morocco v West Germany, Monterrey (24:00). Both games will be televised.

Ray Floyd, 43, wins the U.S. Open

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A week after he "totally blew" a tournament on the last day, Ray Floyd, aged 43, shot a steady 66 in the final round of the 86th U.S. Open yesterday to become its oldest champion ever.

"We took a bad situation and turned it around and made it positive," the 43-year-old Floyd said after he posted a 72-hole total of 279 to win his first U.S. Open by two strokes.

Floyd, who won the 1976 Masters and two American PGA championships, said "I couldn't be more proud of myself."

Age has been a preoccupation of American sportswriters since April, when Jack Nicklaus unexpectedly won the Masters championship at the advanced age of 46.

"What Jack did at Augusta... was great for the game," Floyd said. "I hope my winning the open will also be a stimulus for the game. Golf needs heroes and superstars."

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Cricketers lose

By JERRY LEWIS

Post London Correspondent

Israel's cricket team suffered their second humiliating nine-wicket defeat yesterday in the International Cricket Conference tournament in England when they were overwhelmed by Bermuda. They were shot out for 86 in 33.4 overs. The Bermudians polished off the runs in 13.3 overs.

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'We are living in exile among our own people,' says Gur Rebbe's brother

Gur hassidim lament flare-up of anti-religious violence

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The religious Jews of Israel are living in an exile that is all the more painful because their suffering is at the hands of their own people.

This was the view of Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Alter, the brother of the Rebbe of Gur, whose hassidim this weekend suffered an outrage at their yeshiva in the Ramat Hasharon neighbourhood of Tel Aviv. In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Alter accused anti-religious forces of trying to impose a "metaphysical ghetto" on ultra-Orthodox Jews.

"They are cutting off the tree on

which they flourish," he said, speaking of the destruction of holy books in the yeshiva attack.

It is the Tora, he said, which provides the basis of the Jewish claim to Eretz Yisrael. "Without it we are simply invaders," Alter said, "living here only by the right of the sword and the rifle."

"I don't justify burning bus shelters, I definitely don't, but there is a tremendous difference between the bus shelter controversy, which is after all a question of form, and this [the synagogue attack].

"What changed the situation?" he asked, referring to the flare-up of tension between religious and non-

religious Jews.

"First of all," he said, referring to the bus shelter advertisements which many religious Jews view as licentious, "there was provocation." The sages see a link between permissiveness and idolatry, he asserted.

Secondly, the rabbi said, there has been a concerted attack on the ultra-Orthodox community from the anti-religious coercion circles. There are vast areas where people may drive seven days a week, he said, "but somehow they seem to want to drive just where we live. I myself have seen taxi drivers who insist on blowing their horns as they drive by religious neighbourhoods on Shabbat."

bat.

"Take Meir Kahane. I find it impossible to even understand how he can do what he does. But they fixate on him when they talk about racism. Don't they ever think about intolerance towards the religious Jew?"

Alter expressed disappointment with the message of Prime Minister Peres to the Labour Party on Sunday. "I read his words very carefully and there is reason in what he said, but there are other things that were either not clear or not understood by those who reported them, things that could be interpreted in a way that he certainly did not intend."

What Peres appeared to say in Alter's view was that the Likud gave in to the religious parties and the Labour Party was more intransigent regarding religion. Alter added that he was unhappy with the politicization of the problem. The prime minister wants dialogue, he said, "but if the dialogue is just to put the

religious Jews in their place, that is a different matter."

Religious persons are used to suffering far more than the secularists, and they won't give in easily, he said.

Are there any solutions to the problem? Perhaps, Alter allowed, over a long period there are, especially in inculcating the values of Jewish religion in the schools. Alter said some secular schools, if not anti-religious, certainly seem to disparage Jewish tradition.

"This won't be corrected simply by a circular from the Education Ministry," the rabbi said.

He also saw the need for greater respect by the nation's leaders towards religion, not, he stressed, towards religious people, "not even rabbis. If the prime minister visits the Western Wall and wears a skullcap, it's considered a big thing."

At the same time, he said, much of the basis for conflict is simply silly. "I have looked hard and I see no con-

nection between summer time and the Tora," he said.

As for the Gur community, its leaders have warned their young people in particular not to seek revenge in any way. "Only those who cannot convince others by the justice of their argument use force," Alter said.

But he warned that the Gur synagogue was not the first to be attacked, and pointed out that the attack was not carried out by one individual. "It is an anti-religious underground. Why are they afraid to use the word?" The answer, he said, lies in a basic "lack of symmetry" which is reflected in the media.

"The synagogue, they say, was attacked by unknown assailants. But when they talk of the burning of bus shelters, and they don't know who did that, they speak of ultra-Orthodox zealots," he said.

World Jewry, Alter said, has reacted very sharply to the attack,

Rabbi Pinchas Alter

(Weiss)

and the Gur leaders have tried to play down the incident.

But whatever happens, the rabbi insisted, such incidents "won't deter us. The destruction won't move us. The people of Israel who continued studying in Spain and in Yemen and even in Germany won't be put off in the Land of Israel."

As to who could have carried out such an attack, he mused. "Perhaps they hate religion because of their own inability to control themselves and live a religious way of life."

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No liver transplants here for at least a year

By MENACHEM SHALEV

For The Jerusalem Post

None of the three hospitals competing for Health Ministry approval to carry out liver transplants is capable of performing the operations immediately, according to Health Ministry Director-General Dan Michaeli. He reported on Sunday on the findings of an experts' committee headed by Dr. Nahum Egoz, an epidemiologist from Haifa, which presented its report to the ministry last week.

The committee found that at least a year would be needed to prepare the infrastructure for this type of surgery.

The issue of liver transplants has received public attention of late due to a number of well-publicized campaigns to raise funds for patients to have the operations abroad.

Michaeli said he did not rule out the possibility that one of the three

contending hospitals — Rambam in Haifa, Beilinson in Petah Tikva and Hadassah Ein Kerem in Jerusalem — would eventually receive Health Ministry approval. But this would depend on the outcome of negotiations he would soon hold with the hospitals' directors.

Meanwhile, doctors at Rambam Hospital plan to hold a meeting today to protest against what they call the ministry's "footdragging." Dr. Uri Teitelman, head of the Rambam doctors' union, accused Michaeli of having packed the committee with "non-experts who were predisposed to reaching conclusions favourable" to him. Michaeli has expressed his opposition to performing liver transplants here.

The apprehension at Rambam derives both from media reports last week that the committee had recommended Hadassah Hospital as the most suitable and from longstanding

feelings of Health Ministry "bias" against the Haifa hospital. MK Shevah Weiss said on Sunday that the ministry was guilty of "a strange kind of vindictiveness" against the hospital.

Health Minister spokesmen have denied these allegations, saying that the Egoz committee was "professional" and that the ministry was not biased against Rambam. Michaeli has also denied that the committee selected any one of the hospitals.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur, due to return from Scandinavia yesterday, was expected to intervene in the dispute.

The hospitals are vying for the opportunity to carry out liver transplants because they were the prestige and a peg on which to hang fund-raising campaigns.

Each of the three has relative advantages. Rambam employs Dr. Yigal Kam, who is widely recognized as Israel's pre-eminent expert on

liver transplants, having been trained at the University Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, which has carried out the most liver transplants in the world, and where he himself has performed the operation. Beilinson supporters point to the hospital's great experience in carrying out kidney transplants and to the institution's location in the centre of the country as facilitating easy access to potential liver donors. The scarcity of such donors is the most acute obstacle to liver transplants.

Hadassah Ein Kerem is considered to have the best facilities; it was chosen last month as the sole hospital for heart transplants. In an apparent effort to counteract Rambam's advantage, Hadassah announced last week that Prof. Amram Elion, a senior surgeon at the hospital, and other surgeons, would be training at the Mayo Clinic in the U.S., where they would also perform liver transplants.

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Hospital nurses enter the second week of their vigil outside Premier Peres's home in Jerusalem yesterday.

(Rahamin Israeli)

Nurses plan 3-hour strike on Thursday

Hospital departmental head nurses meeting at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday decided that all hospital nurses would strike on Thursday from noon until 3 p.m.

Today is the second day of a two-day "absence" affecting all departmental head nurses as part of the escalating campaign for better working conditions and for recognition of their new organization.

Mary Pinto, a spokeswoman for the group, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the nurses were taking great pains not to cause undue suffering to patients. She said that some departments which require particularly close supervision, such as intensive-care units, premature-baby units and the like would operate on skeleton staff. Pinto added that no one had yet approached the hospital nurses in an attempt to resolve the crisis.

Compensation for victim of hospital assault

HAIFA (Itim). — The Health Ministry is to pay NIS 15,000 compensation to a cleaner at the Tirat Hacarmel psychiatric hospital near here who was assaulted by an inmate in a closed ward.

Yaffa Levy, 34, was told in January 1981 to clean a closed ward that houses dangerous and aggressive patients. As she entered the ward, she was attacked from behind and beaten to the ground by the patient.

Arab councils strike over 'Area Nine'

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAKHININ. — Arab farmers in this Western Galilee village yesterday called for the withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces from the disputed military training zone known as Area Nine.

They want the nearly 10,000-dunam area to be redesignated for agricultural use by Jews as well as Arabs.

"We need this land at any price," one farmer in the neighbouring village of Arraba told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The man, who asked not to be named, said he was 28 years old and had inherited a plot in the disputed region from his father.

"As far as I know this land has been in our family for over 120 years, and I want to pass it on to my son," he said.

"At the moment I am out of work and I can't cultivate my plot because it is in Area Nine."

He added that even if he had a job he would not waive his claim to the land. "All we want is the same rights as Jewish settlers to farm the land that belongs to us," he said.

Local council services in Sakhinin, Arabba and nearby Deir Hanna were shut yesterday in protest against the alleged uprooting by the

IDF of an olive plantation in the disputed region.

But the strike did not affect the daily routine in the villages. Schools and shops were open, with people, including farmers, going about their business as usual.

Sakhnin local council chairman Mohammed Ghannim said the villagers had decided against a general strike because they preferred to solve the problem through negotiation rather than confrontation.

"The purpose of this strike was not to paralyze life in the villages, but to show that we are not reconciled to the uprooting of trees and vegetables by the IDF," he said.

Ghannim maintained that he had seen the tracks of an armoured vehicle on the site, despite categorical denials by the IDF that it was involved.

He was nevertheless optimistic that the government — which is to consider the fate of Area Nine in the next three weeks — would find a long-term solution that would satisfy the interests of Jewish and Arab farmers.

"We have waited for so many years for the return of our land, we can afford to wait another few weeks," said Ghannim.

He warned, however, that they would intensify their action if a suit-

able solution were not found by then.

Arab local councils throughout the country staged a symbolic two-hour strike yesterday in solidarity with the villagers.

Visiting the area yesterday, Yosef Ginit, an adviser on Arab affairs to Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, said that the ministerial committee dealing with the question would decide within 10 days on the fate of Area Nine.

Jurisdiction of the disputed land has nationalistic as well as local implications for both Arab and Jewish settlers in the region.

The villages, linked by a narrow winding road, are surrounded by hilltop Jewish settlements.

The military training zone, part of which is covered with olive trees, has been a bone of contention for many years. Arab and Jewish farmers both lay claim to parts of it.

The importance of jurisdiction has been stressed time and again at Land Day demonstrations in Arab villages over the years. The first demonstration 10 years ago led to rioting in which six local residents were killed.

The Arabs are determined to hold on to what they maintain is theirs. The authorities are concerned about the demographic balance in Galilee, where non-Jews outnumber Jews.

Agam unveils 'Fire and Water' model

By MARSHA POMERANTZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Agam's kinetic sculpture "Fire and Water," which incorporates music as well as fountains and a flame, will be dedicated at Dizengoff Circle here on July 15 in a ceremony to be attended by Prime Minister Peres, Mayor Lahat and the artist.

At a press conference given yesterday by the Tel Aviv Development Foundation, which has arranged funding for the project, Agam unveiled a model of the construction, which consists of horizontal wheels in constant motion, changing some patterns of colour and perpetuating others.

The Ormat Company of Yavne, which specializes in turbine production, is building the sculpture.

Lahat's decision to commission the sculpture had the local artistic community up in arms earlier work in glass by Allen David. Installed when the circle was reconstructed in 1978.

The sculpture is also to be kept working on the Sabbath, reporters were told. The fund plans to arrange special security to ensure that the Sabbath operation is not interfered with by extremists.

RAMBAM. — Reuven Kashani has sent a copy of his new book on Maimonides, *The Rambam*, to Spain's King Juan Carlos. The book marks the 850th anniversary of Maimonides' birth in the Spanish city of Cordoba and the establishment of diplomatic ties between Spain and Israel.



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Anti-Semitism in U.S. is 'localized'

MOSHE KOHN

ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U.S. is a constant, but it has been localized and is under control," according to Burton Levinson, new chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"The potential use of the Jews as scapegoats," he said in an interview in Jerusalem last week, "is always present. So the ADL constantly takes the pulse of America in this respect, locates the trouble spots, and tries to offset negative developments."

Levinson was here at the head of a group of 55 members of ADL's national commission, presiding over the second part of that body's meeting, in New York, to succeed Kenneth Bialkin as ADL head.

A boyhood incident set him on this path. In 1942, when the New York-born Levinson was 11, his family moved to Ironton, Ohio. During their 1½ years there, the only Jew in town, none of the children ever spoke to him, Levinson recalled. "Once, soon after we settled there, I got on line at the refreshment stand to buy ice cream. When my turn came, the woman said, 'Oh, you're the Jewboy in town. Well, we don't serve Jews.'"

Later, when he started thinking about his path in life, "I decided I was going to fight that kind of bigotry. I hate to see Jews picked on; I hate to see anybody picked on."

The soft-spoken Levinson, who lives with his wife in Encino, California, and is senior partner of a law firm in Beverly Hills, headed the ADL's national executive committee from 1982. Previously he headed the agency's Latin American affairs, community service, and national development committees. He was national chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry from 1979 to 1981, and is a member of the International Presidium for Soviet Jewry. He has made several trips to the Soviet Union, including one in 1974 when he was an observer at the trial of Jewish activist Viktor Plosky, and has visited Poland, the German Federal Republic, Rumania, and several Latin American countries to meet with Jewish communal leaders and government officials. "This was his eighth visit to Israel."

LEVINSON DISMISSES alarming reports about allegedly surging anti-Semitism in the economically troubled U.S. farm belt. "Some anti-Semitic groups are trying to exploit the situation; but the farmers just aren't buying it," he said. In a Harris survey commissioned by the ADL, the list of factors the farmers blame for their plight is headed by the banks, the government, and various other financial interests, with the Jews far down.

As for the leading black anti-Semitic agitator, Louis Farrakhan, Levinson thinks "his popularity has peaked. He'll never again attract 25,000 people in Madison Square Garden."

In sum, "the overwhelming majority of all the group leaderships in America have outspokenly condemned anti-Semitism."

At a news conference earlier, at which Bialkin introduced Levinson to the Jerusalem press corps, the former had said that people who raised the spectre of dual loyalty in



Burton Levinson

connection with the Pollard espionage affair "don't understand the nature of American pluralistic democracy." Furthermore, while the affair might hurt Israel's image in the U.S., it would not harm "the fundamental relations" between the two countries.

Levinson agreed, but added that the affair "also has a moral aspect, the question of the trust that must prevail between friends."

He admitted that in this matter, as in certain others, "people might be judging Israel by a double standard of greater expectation." But, he added, "the U.S. is judged and Americans sometimes judge themselves—particularly since Watergate—by the same double standard."

Regarding the struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry, Levinson sees no dichotomy between "quiet" and "loud" diplomacy. "Private organizations are not governments and are not bound by the constraints to which governments are subject. It would be a shame if we decided to practice quiet diplomacy."

He said that the ADL, which has an office in Jerusalem, "usually does not intervene in domestic Israeli issues, except where they impact on world Jewry and on relations between Israel and the Diaspora. The nature of Israeli democracy is such an issue, so we have spoken up, for example, on the issue of racism in Israel, and on the right of the Moroccans to build their centre here."

The ADL has also set up a joint project with the Israeli Forum to produce and disseminate educational material on democracy and tolerance.

A major ADL activity is bringing opinion makers from various sectors of American society—for example, the black and Hispanic communities, journalists, political cartoonists, retired senior military personnel—to meet local civic and communal leaders and professional counterparts and to see life here at the grass roots. Similarly, it brings Israelis to the U.S., primarily to learn general and Jewish life in the smaller American towns and "to project Israel to the heartland of America."

During its meeting here, the ADL national commission members met with the president, the prime minister and other state leaders and visited several communities, including Ofra, northeast of Jerusalem.

At the festive closing session Sunday night, the ADL presented to Nathan Shchiransky a "confirmation" of its Joseph Prize for Human Rights, awarded to him and Andre Sakharov in 1977 and then accepted on his behalf in a ceremony in Washington by his wife, Avital.

They decided to set up a task force, headed by Bialkin, that is to cooperate with the Israel Forum in fostering business partnerships here between Americans and Israelis. Another new task force is to deal with Japan's total surrender to the Arab boycott.

Flap over 'dual loyalty'

Affinity to Israel scrutinized

CALEV BEN-DAVID

NORMAN PODHORETZ, the editor of *Commentary* magazine, has in recent years distinguished himself as one of Israel's most ardent and, publicly at least, uncritical supporters. He is also known for his views concerning America's need for a strong security stance and harsh criticism of those intellectuals in public life whom he deems "soft" on the "Communist threat." Thus, it would have been unthinkable that his opponents should slur him on the charge of being un-American on the basis of dual loyalty.

Yet, in an article this spring in *The Nation* magazine, novelist and essayist Gore Vidal did just that. He accused Podhoretz and his wife, Midge Decter, of being "Israeli fifth columnists" whose "first loyalty is to Israel." The result was, as Vidal probably wished, a literary controversy that sparked discussion in a number of national magazines in the U.S. and even in the *London Times Literary Supplement*.

The American Jewish Committee, which publishes *Commentary* but divorces itself from its editorial positions, finally issued a press statement in defence of Podhoretz and Decter and rather weakly accused Vidal of having "crossed the lines of respectable discourse." (*The New Republic* suggested that "This man [Vidal] belongs in a funny farm.")

Vidal has often been criticized in the pages of *Commentary* for his left-wing views, but this particular incident has levels of meaning beyond that of a personal political feud between him and its editors.

For many years Vidal has laced his essays with slight anti-Semitic remarks, but has always been careful to have it appear that his tongue was lodged firmly in his cheek and the intention was wit and not malice. It is troubling that his accusations against

the Podhoretzes are direct, and that this is the first time that he has used the slur of "dual loyalty." This self-styled iconoclast has a keen sense of the fashionably outrageous, and it is likely that he feels his sentiments are no longer just the paranoid fantasies of fascist anti-Semitic groups like the Aryan Brotherhood.

Though few public figures ever go as far as Vidal, there are other signs that the political affinity of American Jews to Israel is now being scrutinized more carefully than ever before. Undoubtedly, much of this is due to the fallout from the Pollard affair, which in recent weeks has threatened to spread beyond the early efforts at damage control attempted by Israeli and U.S. officials.

Initially, Pollard's apparently disreputable character helped the public to perceive his motivation as simply greed. But in the wake of his guilty plea, his lawyers tried—in an effort to get him a lighter sentence—to portray him as a man torn between his loyalty to the U.S. and love for Israel.

OF COURSE, most American Jews, particularly Norman Podhoretz, have no reason to be seriously concerned. However, this is not the case with some American Jewish organizations whose specific job it is to promote Israel's political interests in the U.S.

The most prominent such organization is the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israel lobbying group that has had great success in Washington, D.C. But they were much criticized for choosing not to contest President



Norman Podhoretz



Gore Vidal

Reagan's latest request for an arms sale to Saudi Arabia. They were further stung when a group of sena-

tors acting on their own initiative came within one vote of over-riding Reagan's veto of their initial refusal to authorize the sale. Undoubtedly, AIPAC's support of their efforts would have made the difference.

This timidity on the part of AIPAC suggests a sensitivity to the current climate in which American Jewish support for Israel is now a more closely examined issue. Surely not helping matters for the group is the appearance of Paul Findley's book, *They Dare To Speak Out: People and Institutions Confront Israel's Lobby*. Findley, a former Republican congressman from Illinois for 22 years, who advocated U.S. negotiations with the PLO, holds AIPAC primarily responsible for his 1982 electoral defeat.

His book is an extensive documentation of his charges that mainstream American Jewish elements have impaired the principles of free speech and open debate on the question of U.S. support for Israel. The book was first published last year, and soon afterwards Findley publicly charged that these same elements were keeping the book from getting widespread distribution. Yet when I was in New York two months ago, the book was prominently displayed on the new-release shelves of two major bookstores, perhaps a sign that its subject matter was now considered timely.

That same week I saw and heard Lyndon LaRouche, one of whose specialties is Jewish/Zionist conspiracies, on a television network morning news show. Of course, LaRouche was there to be grilled by the interviewer, but he still managed to poison the atmosphere further

with accusations that linked the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Defence League, and Henry Kissinger.

LaRouche's lunacies can be easily refuted. But why wasn't AIPAC ready to challenge President Reagan's assertion that those who opposed the Saudi arms deal were harming American security interests?

Though Israeli officials deserve tremendous blame for their approval of and inept response to the Pollard affair, it is also the responsibility of the American-Jewish leadership to clearly define the nature of their support for Israel. Unfortunately, most of American Jewry has clearly rejected the classic Zionist definition of the relationship between the Diaspora and the Jewish state. But even so, seen a mind as Norman Podhoretz chooses not to delve too deeply into the present ideological connection between American Jewry and Israel.

The furore created by the Pollard affair and Gore Vidal's libels: the unwillingness of AIPAC to directly challenge a popular president; the charges made by people like Findley; the growing notoriety of former fringe figures like Lyndon LaRouche—these would not be causes for concern if the issue of dual loyalty had been dealt with and dismissed.

Perhaps we should be grateful that American-Jewish support for Israel has reached the level where such a charge is now an acceptable slander. Still, it would be wise for Jewish supporters of Israel living in the U.S. to justify their support for Israel with an intelligent, unequivocal, clear explanation of their position.

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Israeli crosses swords for the Irish

Notre Dame University recruits an Israeli

SHERMAN GOLDENBERG



Yehuda Kovacs

second best collegiate foilist. "In my eyes," DeCicco said, "he's the number one foilist."

Diaspora life, with the exception of the ultra-frigid South Bend weather, has been good to Kovacs.

"I'd been thinking a lot about it before I decided to go to Notre Dame, that it was a big step," he said, seated in coach DeCicco's cluttered office. "I can tell you, it has been much better than the best I thought it would be because everything turned out to be perfect."

Kovacs took up the ancient sport of fencing as a 9-year-old youngster in Kirat Sava. The after-school activity appealed to Yehuda and his father, Meir, an employee of the Jewish National Fund, whose own father had been a champion Hungarian fencer. "I loved it from the first time," Kovacs recalled. "And I remember I didn't miss even one practice during the first year. I went even when I was sick."

AFTER MOVING with his parents and twin sister to Hod Hasharon, north of Petah Tikva, Kovacs progressed into club play. He became national champion in each of the age classifications before garnering the Junior National Championship at the age of 19.

He continued to fence during his army service but with considerable difficulty. "My base was in Safad," he said, "and I used to travel three times a week to Petah Tikva, hitchhiking three hours a day to practice. That was a regular day. During the war (in 1982), I was supposed to practise for the world championships in Rome. Instead, I was in Lebanon."

Rather than travelling the world after his military stint, like many young Israelis, Kovacs enrolled at Haifa University in 1984. But unfortunately, sports and studies didn't mix in Israel the way they do in the U.S. Though he won the Open Israeli Championships to become

the senior national champion the day before he entered college, Kovacs again found himself unable to properly pursue his chosen sport because of the rigorous Israeli University curriculum.

"And then," Kovacs said, "I realized that fencing is much more important to me than I thought. I couldn't quit."

Then a friend in the U.S., Yoram Kochavi, an Israeli Olympic swimmer studying in Denver, wrote Kovacs that the less harried American college atmosphere allowed for both study and sports. Kochavi forwarded a list of 13 U.S. universities

with strong fencing programmes and Kovacs wrote to all of them. DeCicco, an academic adviser who received Kovacs' letter last April, acted on the inquiry immediately even though he knew next to nothing of the young Israeli's fencing prowess.

"The letter excited me very much... the first young man ever to make such an application from Israel," said DeCicco, a burly man of Italian descent with whom Kovacs has become very close.

DEICICCO TURNED to a friend, Rabbi Gettinger, for assistance. He wanted the rabbi to contact Kovacs and assure him that life in South Bend might not be all that foreign.

Initially, Rabbi Gettinger was hesitant about recommending Notre Dame. "I was somewhat torn as to whether it was appropriate to bring a nice Jewish boy here," he said.

But the rabbi, deciding that he could count on a "warm and active" congregation for support, chose to help DeCicco recruit Kovacs before the fencer was stolen away by a rival institution on the East Coast. He contacted donors who contributed funds towards Kovacs' tuition, and he located a kosher family to provide a "traditional Jewish surrounding."

The rabbi admits however, he had an ulterior motive: he hoped to enhance Kovacs' religious identity. Kovacs, having never heard of the Notre Dame, did not realize how Catholic the school was until after he had applied.

"I think it was in June or July that I heard it was a Catholic school," he said. "The office of admissions sent me a bulletin showing the university. So I saw the crosses here and there. It didn't mean anything to me. I didn't even think of it as Bar-Ilan in Israel, with a strong religious image."

IMPRESSED BY the fact that he had received three letters from

South Bend without ever mentioning his fencing credentials, Kovacs felt the people were interested in him first as a person—not just an athlete.

"The story is that we have here a young man who is a brilliant fencer and, quite frankly, he never told me that he was going to be that good," said DeCicco, whose team won the NCAA national championship this year for the third time in eight years. "If I knew he was that good, I probably would have walked over to Israel to make sure that he wouldn't drop off at another school in between."

But that wasn't the case. I think that when Father Hesburgh and I and others in the community went forward to try to encourage Yehuda to study here at Notre Dame, we did it first because the people in the Math Department called me minutes after they reviewed Yehuda's academic credentials and said, "Mike, we've got to have this young man. He's got talent."

Now Kovacs, who ranks third in all-time Notre Dame winning percentage, says he'll probably stay three more years to complete his NCAA sports eligibility and obtain a second degree in electrical engineering.

It was the unexpected letter from Rabbi Gettinger that made the difference. And, curiously, Rabbi Gettinger's original motive seems to have paid off as well. Kovacs has become more religious since arriving in South Bend. He attends synagogue regularly and keeps kosher.

"Here, I think I'm more religious because of the community," he said. "It's different. You know, in Israel, you're Jewish. You don't have to practise being Jewish because you're among Jewish people. Here, you are a minority. So you want to show, at least to yourself, that you are a little bit different, and practise being Jewish."

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Canada mission arrives

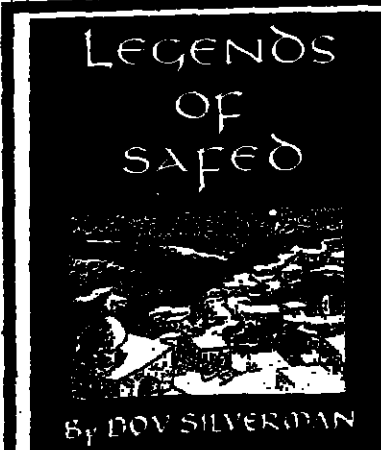
AN 80-MEMBER Canadian National United Israel Appeal mission is here this week to launch several special projects sponsored by Canadian Jewry and to hold high-level discussions on additional projects.

Yesterday the mission, headed by Allan Offman, laid the cornerstone for a 740-seat auditorium in Kiryat Shmona, and today it is to do the same for a community centre in Ness Ziona.

Additional projects approved

beyond the general campaign and Canadian Jewry's Project Renewal commitments are a youth centre in Yiron and Malkiya, kibbutzim in Upper Galilee; a library in Acre; an auditorium in Or Yehuda; and a sports centre in Yeroham. The Canadians are considering building a music conservatory in Carmiel, and will discuss other projects with government, municipal and Keren Hayesod leaders here.

Among the leaders with whom they are to meet is Prime Minister Peres.



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MANY ISRAELIS think of American and Canadian Jewries in terms of Bonds and UJA or political support for the Jewish state.

Many are surprised to learn that North American volunteers, olim, and their children, played a vital role in Aliya Bet, the bringing of so-called "illegal immigrants" in the period preceding the state, in the War of Independence, and in the laying of the groundwork of the present Air Force, Navy and Armoured Corps. They have continually served in Israel's defence until this day.

This was poignantly brought home on last Jerusalem Day at the annual memorial service held at the Association of Americans and Canadians Forest near Sha'ar Hagai, where several hundred members of the AACI assembled to pay tribute to

the 139 men and six women who fell in the War of Independence and since in Israel's defence.

Forty per cent of the estimated 55,000 Holocaust survivors in Europe who arrived here "illegally" before the state was established came in ships sailed by volunteer crews, in the main from the U.S. and Canada. Some were brought directly to Eretz Yisrael. More often, they reached here after they had been taken prisoner, and together with the crews, interned in Cyprus. These newcomers made an important contribution to the manpower of the Israeli armed forces in 1948.

The first major Jewish victory in the War of Independence, Operation Nahshon, which created a hinterland from which Israeli forces could strike, was made possible by arms flown in from Czechoslovakia

by American pilots. The majority of the pilots and air crews of fighter planes, bombers and heavy transports who served in the 1947-1948 war were from North America. As Joseph Heckelman points out in his book *American Volunteers and Israel's War of Independence*, "Mahal" volunteers (from abroad) did not help the Air Force—they were the Air Force in 1948.

"With reference to the navy," notes Heckelman, "it appears clear that without Mahal participation, there would have been a navy, but it would not have been able to do as much as it did in so short a time." Americans and Canadians also served with distinction in the infantry, in Jerusalem, in the Seventh and Givati Brigades, and in the Medical Corps, although on the ground the major contribution was made by Israelis. Special mention should be made, of course, of the role of Colonel David "Mickey" Marcus.

All told, about 1,400 American

and Canadian volunteers fought here in the framework of Mahal, which included about 1,200 British, 900 South African, 1,000 Western European and 600 Latin American Jews and non-Jews. But the role of Mahal is rarely mentioned here. In addition to this memorial site,

the AACI plans to create a memorial centre at its national office in Jerusalem, where the diaries, biographies and letters of the fallen, and everything relating to the American and Canadian contributions to Israel's defence will be available to the public.

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ECONOMIC NEWS

Increase of visitors from Egypt and Jordan

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

INFORMATION RELEASED last week by the Central Bureau of Statistics shows a 16 per cent drop in incoming tourism for the January-May 1986 period compared to the corresponding five months last year. A total of 452,900 tourists arriving from abroad during the first five months of this year compared to last year's figure of 536,400. There have been increases however, in visitors from Lebanon and Egypt. The Lebanese figure rose from 11,400 last year to 13,700 for the current year, up to the end of May. The number of Egyptians who came here during the same period was up from 26,600 to 33,000. However, there was a sharp decline in the number of

AN ACCESSIBILITY guide for disabled travellers in Australia was published last month by the Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism. The guide provides information on tourist attractions accessible to people in wheel chairs or on crutches. Data was compiled from a survey of more than 2,500 Australian tourist attractions.

NOT EVERYONE is suffering from the slide in tourism. The SAS group has gained ground and reports appreciable rises in income before allocations and taxes during the six-month fiscal period between October 1, 1985 and March 31, 1986 in comparison with the same time frame in the previous fiscal year.

TOURISM BRIEFS

visitors from Jordan. Figures dropped from 26,300 to 17,000.

THE HILTON hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv have been enjoying a local, late-night clientele during the World Cup season. Soccer fans who would rather watch the matches on a larger-than-life screen than on their own small screen TVs have been squatting in one or other of the two hotels, where transmission from Mexico was relayed on giant screens. The football festival continues till the end of the month.

IT'S A BUYERS' market from the perspective of the hotel industry. Jerusalem hoteliers used free tickets to the Israel Festival as an incentive to lure guests. Tiberias hotels dropped their prices by 50 per cent, and now, to top them all, the Dan Caesarea is offering two vacations for the price of one. All guests who stay for three nights or more during the month of July will receive a voucher from the Dan chain entitling them to an additional three nights on a bed and breakfast basis during the month of September, totally free of charge. The current room rate at the Dan Caesarea is NIS 71 bed and breakfast per person in a double room. The rate is almost halved at the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv, which is charging NIS 36 per single during its running in period under its new name. The price per single at the Dan Carmel is NIS 52 and the Dan Netanya NIS 57.

This year's figure is 224 million Swedish kroner, compared to last year's 174 million kroner. SAS passenger traffic on European routes went up by 18 per cent. There were also traffic increases on domestic flights within Scandinavia - 11 per cent in Denmark, 8 per cent in Sweden and 3 per cent in Norway.

ECUMENISM IS alive and well. Kibbutz Lavi, one of the few religious signposts in the kibbutz guest-house network, has embarked on an intensive marketing campaign among religious Christians who are interested in discovering more about Jews and Judaism. Countries in which Lavi representatives are working to promote Christian tourism include the U.S., Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. Some of the potential tourists are students, faculty members or graduates of some of the most elite Christian colleges and are well equipped to enter into dialogue with their kibbutz hosts.

A SPECIAL SERVICE to early morning travellers coming from Haifa to Ben-Gurion Airport has been introduced by El Al. Israel's national carrier will provide bus transportation for El Al passengers who are flying out of Israel not long after the first light of dawn. The pick-up will follow a regular route six days a week, beginning at 3.30 a.m.

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An excited Frankfurt stock exchange clerk passes on the news as the dollar falls below the psychologically important DM2.20 level yesterday to be fixed at 2.1949.

Dollar dips below DM2.20

FRANKFURT (Reuters). - West German shares surged and the mark jumped higher yesterday following the victory of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats in state elections in Lower Saxony on Sunday.

But dealers said some early gains were lost in later trading as markets assessed the narrowness of the result.

The dollar fell through the psychologically important resistance level of 2.20 marks as trading started here and dealers rushed to buy marks.

The dollar quickly shed almost a penny, but the U.S. currency then recovered almost half a penny in hectic trading, to be set at 2.1949 marks at the mid-day "fix" on the

Frankfurt stock exchange. Shares rose sharply across the board in a thin market, with many investors reluctant to sell at this stage. The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares rose nearly 50 points, to 2,065.80.

Markets had been holding back for weeks ahead of the poll and prices now surged simply because the elections were over, dealers noted.

Dealers said the prospect of the Socialist Party (SPD) gaining in Lower Saxony, possibly in a coalition with the Greens, had unnerved many investors. Dealers said financial markets considered the Lower Saxony poll an important test for federal elections next January.

Visa and Isracard extend once-monthly debiting

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Visa and Isracard announced yesterday that they intend to extend the three-month old trial of once-monthly debits for transactions made using the credit cards.

The card companies switched back from twice-monthly to once-monthly debits in April of this year, after the Knesset Finance Committee threatened to legislate this

change. The committee said at the time that the change would be re-evaluated after three months. Since inflation remains low, there has been no reason to discontinue the experiment. In fact, the major retail chains are currently competing by offering credit for up to two months, while Visa is continuing with its Visapay 30 plan, which offers two months credit, the second month costing interest.

China to help faltering joint ventures

PEKING (AFP). - China has set up a coordination centre to help joint ventures between Chinese and foreign firms solve their problems, a Chinese official said here yesterday.

The vice minister of the State Economic Commission, Zhu Rongji, said that with Chinese government support and efforts by Chinese and foreign partners, the problems they face could be solved.

Zhu said that some of the 2,300 joint ventures had encountered problems with operational autonomy, investment conditions and balancing foreign exchange payments.

He said China was working out rules for the implementation of regulations, promulgated in January, which govern the repatriation of profits by foreign partners.

Businessmen here have expressed irritation that the new rules have not been implemented.

Are high rents driving industry from Jerusalem?

By AVI TEMKIN

The Jerusalem Economic Corporation (JEC) is charging excessive rents for some of its properties about 120 Jerusalem industrialists said yesterday, adding that they were unable to pay the large sums demanded.

The corporation's management reacted to these accusations saying that its rents are among the lowest of any other industrial centres in the country.

Representatives of the industrialists told a press conference that several growing industries may have to leave the capital because of the high rentals charged by the JEC.

Record month for Italian industry

ROME (AFP). - Industrial production in Italy grew by a record 8.5 per cent in April, compared to the same month last year, the National Statistics Institute announced.

Increases were recorded in almost

"The corporation is simply driving industry out of Jerusalem," they said.

JEC representatives later described the complaints as "exaggerated." The industrialists had earlier complained that the corporation was forced by the government to earn a profit of \$1 million a year, and was trying to do so at the expense of industry.

But JEC officials said that the \$1m. profit figure was set as a target in connection with the financing of new investment. They added that the corporation's board had decided not to raise rentals until the end of the fiscal year.

all sectors, with lumber, furniture, clothing and textiles among the front-runners.

The latest figures bring the average rise in industrial production this year to 2.6 per cent.

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Case for
the defence

Yesterday, this column reviewed, if only briefly, some of the appointments in the banking system and civil service that have been made in the wake of the Bejski report.

The theme was that by and large, the very people involved in the "regulation" mess have taken on, or been given, the task of cleaning it up, replacing those who made it, or - at the extreme - deciding what to do with the persons whom the Bejski commission ordered to depart.

In essence, the change is: Why are the banks as a whole busy replacing persons found guilty by Bejski with other persons, who, whilst themselves not ordered off the scene, were undoubtedly involved in the "regulation" in their official capacities. These persons therefore fall under the more general condemnation by the Bejski commission of the banks' management and boards.

The answer to this charge is also very straightforward: If the logic of the "prosecution" is followed through, there will be a wholesale purge of the top-ranking bankers, encompassing not merely a few very senior executives, but dozens and dozens - probably hundreds - of senior and middle-ranking executives. And then, comes the punchline, who will mind the shop?

The banks have got a point. The two issues - morality and practicality - are on different planes, and therefore cannot fall to each other. Yes, they were all involved then if they all got kicked out there will be nobody left.

What would you rather be, asked John Wayne, a dead hero or a live wimp? And who should run the banks - the failures of yesterday, who at least know about banking (as the results of the last two years prove), or a new bunch of Mister Cleans, who are innocent of everything, including what to do the day after they take over.

One of those situations where you can't win - unless you can produce a generation of executives overnight, or at least a bunch of very senior personalities ready, willing and capable of stepping into the emptied shoes.

It is convenient for the banks to say that no such people exist; anyone who disagrees should put forward his own candidates.

The same applies to the criticism of the Treasury and central bank officials, although in a different way. They are "guilty" of failing to stop the rot, not of starting it. But the defence is the same - if the people who are there, implicated or not, will not do their jobs, then who will?

Outside experts are available, it is true, but if you bring them in you are implicitly dismissing the existing people. Like it or not, the issues are complex. Japhet & Co. have a justified mean that their replacements were in it up to their necks. The public has a valid complaint that the whole thing is sickening. The banks are right that a wholesale purge will emasculate them. Since we are all anyway doomed to pay money (through taxes), we all have the right to choose whichever side we prefer.

Except as regards Bank Discount. Here it is necessary to correct an unfortunate misprint that threw the last section of yesterday's column off balance. The intention was to say that whereas other bank and government institutions are making some effort to grapple with the post-Bejski reality, Discount is lagging way behind and will pay an ever-higher price for its ostrich-like attitude.

The whole of the foregoing discussion is inapplicable to Discount because it has not even done the minimum required of it by the Bejski commission.

No-one believes that Raphael Reznaisi is irreplaceable, any more than Gazit, Japhet, Meir or Reiner were. The question is how much further to go beyond the top man in each bank - not whether that man can hang on to his job in spite of everything.

Turning
tenants into
landlordsBy MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government's short sighted policy of leasing dwellings much below their market value and thus encouraging tenants not to buy them is causing millions of dollars worth of property to fall into decline. It is hard to measure the exact sums, but visit certain neighbourhoods and the effects of tenant neglect are readily apparent.

The root of the problem lies in one simple concept: ownership.

A family owning a flat or house takes much better care of it than one who rents it. This principle is the same in every walk of life. No army driver would treat his private car with the same contempt as he treats an army vehicle (paid for by the taxpayer).

The government's policy is creating slums, and children who grow up in slums start life with one strike against them.

Slapping a layer of stucco on a building will preserve its life and appearance, while engendering a feeling for further care. And seeing that the main entrance is kept spic and span is also helpful in this direction, for a clean entrance will persuade many tenants to take better care of their flats.

Rectifying all these minor housing defects would give "some work" to the contractors now facing one of their worst periods. True, it would not solve the contractors' problem; but it would ease it somewhat; and it would stop creating new slums.

The government is directly responsible for the 40,000 flats and 10,000 offices which fall within the scope of the Tenants Protection Law.

Despite frequent adjustments, rents for these units are absurdly low. For example, a person living in a two-room flat pays a maximum of NIS 26.03 (notice the three zeros, about two cents) a month; a three-room flat, NIS 52.06; and a four-room flat, NIS 86.79. This person would have to pay about ten times that much if he rented a flat of the same size on the open market.

True, in many cases (only in 30 per cent of the cases, according to Menahem Habibi, chairman of the House-owners Association) the tenants paid key-money to move in, but even so, the rent this tenant pays is still so low, that most landlords find all sorts of excuses to avoid making repairs - although the tenant pays 50 per cent of the cost.

And if the landlord does make repairs, fixing one rotten water pipe can cost him half a year's income. As a result of this situation, a good portion of flats and houses in Tel Aviv has deteriorated into near-slums.

A solution should be found to do away gradually with the Tenants Protection Law, either by forcing the tenants to buy their flats, or by charging realistic rents (after allowing for key-money payments). As soon as this is done, the landlords, or the former tenants if they bought the flats, would be much more generous in making repairs - and throwing some work to jobless contractors.

The government also failed with its housing company, Amidar, although it must be admitted that the authorities years ago recognized their mistake, and took fairly energetic steps to rectify the situation.

About 20 per cent of all Israelis (between 800,000 and 900,000 persons) live in Amidar flats. In all, Amidar is responsible for 293,000 flats (all of standard construction and medium size, and not in the high-rise sections of any city or town). Of these flats, Amidar has over the years sold about 167,000; it still rents 121,000 flats, of which 7,520 are empty, either because they are in outlying areas or because they are in a deplorable state.

Of the total flats sold, about 5,000 were sold in the 1983/84 fiscal year; 4,500 in 1984/85; only 2,300 in 1985/86, and hopefully, some 6,000 in the current fiscal year.

Amidar has taken two major steps designed to improve this situation. The first is assuming overall responsibility, caring for roofs, gardens, etc. - for those flats it has sold. The second is persuading tenants to buy their flats by granting them attractive terms.

This is the fifth article in a series.

Defence Ministry checking Lavi costs

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

The Defence Ministry has begun re-examining its figures on the Lavi fighter project as part of a full-fledged reassessment scheduled for the end of this month.

At the same time an effort will be made to gauge the attitude of the U.S. administration and Congress towards the project.

Sources in the Defence Ministry have told *The Jerusalem Post* that this final reassessment before the Lavi's roll-out, scheduled for the last week of July, will be crucial for the plane's future.

"Once the aircraft is presented in public and is presented as something tangible," a source said, "it will be harder to kill the fighter."

He described the current debate in the Defence Ministry as the "Lavi's Rubicon."

Defence Ministry officials stand by "unit fly-away cost" of \$15.5 million for each Lavi, as opposed to the Pentagon's estimate of \$22m.

They have come to recognize, however, that differences with the Pentagon over ideology, not money, are at the core of the issue.

The focus of Israel's re-examination will therefore concentrate on assessing what power the Pentagon has within the administration on this issue, and what congressional support can be expected, given the atmosphere of budgetary restraint in Washington.

Observers here believe that, while Israel may overcome the current stumbling block, long-term commitment from the U.S. at this stage is not likely.

Israel's assumptions about the financing of the Lavi are based on an annual \$300m. U.S. grant to cover the expected \$550m. per year to be spent.

The Americans believe that Israel, even if granted the \$300m. a year, will not be able to remain within the \$550m. budget, and there will probably be pressure for more American aid.

Officials yesterday were pessimistic about the future of the Lavi, though they believed that the roll-out would probably proceed on schedule. The Lavi's maiden flight, scheduled for the last week of September, is "another story," said one official.

Roy Isaacowitz adds:

Prime Minister Peres intimated this week that Israel would not cancel the production of the Lavi jet fighter, despite U.S. opposition to the continuation of the project.

At stake is not only the loss of thousands of jobs, but the level of Israeli technological development. Peres told the Labour Party Central Committee, Israel, he said, has to look beyond the American argument and "into the future."

Itim reports that Defence Minister Rabin told the Israel-American Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the inner cabinet had voted 8 to 2 to go ahead with the Lavi, and that the project would indeed continue. Cancellation would mean the loss of 6,000 jobs, Rabin said.

Bruno's tough talk on budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If the Knesset does not quietly approve the package of legislation on which the budget depends, the economic plan will be in danger, Professor Michael Bruno, governor-designate of the Bank of Israel, and an architect of the plan, said yesterday.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, Bruno said he was bidding farewell to the university for a number of years, hoping that he would be able to remain faithful to his principles while in public office.

The 54-year-old economics professor is to be officially appointed as the central bank's head by President Chaim Herzog tomorrow.

Bruno reiterated a warning against wage rises in the coming months, saying they would harm stability. He added that the govern-

ment had not cut its spending by the required amount, and that such a slash was essential if the economy was to grow.

The budget, wage demands and price stability are likely to figure prominently on Bruno's agenda in the next few months. The Treasury expects talks for new collective wage agreements to start next week, after several months of delay.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar met yesterday to discuss the Treasury's decision not to adjust tax brackets with the payment of the 5.8 per cent cost-of-living allowance in this month's salaries.

Economic observers believe that the Treasury will back down and point out that Nissim has asked his director-general to check whether a 5 per cent adjustment could be made this month.

Stern being sued

Unauthorized payments had been made to a Bank Hapoalim account and to people they did not know. They also claim that the new management told them it knew nothing of their money, and that it was not responsible for its disappearance. Stern, who is on trial for embe-

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permit those who did not fight for Jerusalem to oust us from Jerusalem or from any other place," he said.

Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement) criticized Peres for blocking five motions for the agenda last Wednesday on religious-secular issues, and for failing to invite opposition representatives of the meeting he called on Thursday.

Shimon Ben-Shlomo (Shas) charged the media with inciting the public against religious Jews by distorting the facts. The secularists are out to give the public domain a completely secular look, which is a violation of the status quo, he added.

Menahem Porush (Agudat Yisrael) declared that many of the bus stops had been burned by provocateurs. "Why can't the police find them?" he asked.

zlement, this week made a plea-bargaining deal with the prosecution. He and his former assistant at the bank, Hadassah Monsa, have been charged with appropriating some \$37 million between January and August 1985. As a result of this week's agreement, Stern will be tried separately, which will enable him to testify against Monsa. (Itim)

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	118.71	+0.01%
Non-Bank Index	138.70	+0.00%
Arrangement	109.89	+0.01%
Insurance	156.81	+1.23%
Commerce, Services	169.87	+0.11%
Real Estate	169.09	+0.41%
Industrials	127.20	-0.20%
Textiles	151.46	+0.75%
Miscellaneous	119.54	-0.62%
Electronics	104.12	-0.32%
Chemicals	128.54	-0.32%
Industrial Invest.	120.51	-0.29%
Investment Cos.	141.75	-0.27%
General Bond Index	110.08	+0.00%
Index-linked Bonds	110.75	-0.01%
Fully-linked	112.45	-0.17%
Partially-linked	109.80	+0.11%
Dollar-linked Bonds	101.08	-0.30%
Short-term 0-1 yrs	108.44	+0.10%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	109.28	-0.03%
Long-term 5+ yrs	108.09	-0.32%

Turnovers

Shares - total	NIS 6,780,800
Arrangement	NIS 2,545,700
Non-bank	NIS 4,235,200
Bonds - total	NIS 6,100,800
Index-linked	NIS 4,285,000
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,835,800
Treasury Bills	NIS 1,255,600

Share Movements:

Advances	117	(104)
Declines	18	(15)
of which 5%+	3	(1)
Declines	133	(17)
of which 5%+	19	(20)
"sellers only"	2	(3)
Unchanged	101	(90)
Trading Halt	71	(49)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Stable/Falls 0.5%
3% fully-linked	

4.25% fully-linked	Stable/Falls to 1%
80% linked	Mixed to 0.5%
90% linked	Rises to 0.5%
Double-linked	Mixed to 0.5%
Dollar-linked:	
Admon	Falls to 0.5%
Simon	Mixed to 0.5%
Gilboa	Falls to 1%
For Curr.	
denominated	1.42-1.54%
Treasury Bills	
(monthly yield)	

Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	11.45%
Union 0.1	11.25%
Discount A	11.25%
Mizrahi r.	11.32%
Hapoalim r.	11.39%
General A	11.29%
Leumi stock	11.43%
Fin. Trade 1	10.58%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%
Commercial Banks			
Maritime 1	1118	2511	+2.5
General non-arr.	2800	29	-
First Int'l	3645	1084	-
FBI		no trading	-
Commercial Banks (cont.)			
Leumi 0.1	62480	70	+0.0
Discount	107130	160	+0.0
Mizrahi	34820	1028	-
Hapoalim r	56930	979	-
General A	146750	18	-
Leumi 0.1		no trading	-
Fin. Trade	48900	2	-0.1
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi mort. r	5000	120	+1.8
Dev. Mort.	1420	290	-
Mishari r	2300	150	-2.1
Telshet r	13150	72	-0.1
Merav r	5650	582	-0.6
Financial Institutions			
Agrie C		no trading	-
Ind. Dev. DD		no trading	-
Cial Leasing 0.1	8500	46	-
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r	930	827	-1.6
Hesnerh r	501	23483	+2.2
Phoenix 0.1	791	1161	+0.0
Haimshar		no trading	-
Menorah 1	7600	1	-
Sihir r	4250	134	-
Zion Hold. 1	16900	10	-
Trade & Services			
Mair Ezra	4500	30	+2.3
Super 2	5070	255	-1.0
Dalek r	2955	1924	-
Lighterage		no trading	-
Cold Storage		no trading	-
Dan Hotels	3680	201	-2.7
Yarden Hotel	3268	174	-
Hilon 1	12335	301	+5.0
Team 1	1949	305	-4.2
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azorim	619	5869	-
Elion	345	4209	+0.3
Africa Int. 0.1	33850	30	-
Daniner	4145	85	-0.1
Prop. & Bldg.	2755	1232	-
Bayseid 0.1	4050	34	-0.2
ILDC r	48790	50	-0.2
Rassco r	7410	182	+4.4
Maharim	7120	763	-
Hadarim	1175	1194	+2.6
Industrials			
Dabek b	3480	800	-2.8
Priz 1	2650	2977	+4.0
Sunfrost	7952	205	+0.8
Elite	19000	238	-
Adgar	960	3124	+5.1
Argan r	12100	128	+3.4
Dalta G 1	4540	88	-
Miquette 1	25000	51	+1.2
Elgie 1	12348	33	-
Polgat 0.4	8800	120	-
Schoellaria		no trading	-
Rogovin	3860	417	-2.8
Urdan 0.1 r	10800	110	-
Is. Can Co. 1	1170	582	+1.7
Zion Cables	2101	738	-2.3
Pecker Steel	7000	50	+2.9
Elbit 3 r	451000	18	-
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3970	2625	-
Elion	2880	512	-1.4
Alif 1		no trading	-
Gabelet	1405	59	+1.1
Israel Corp. 1		no trading	-
Wolfson 1 r	28320	99	-0.7
Hapoalim Inv.	5000	847	+0.0
Leumi Invest.	4912	54	-
Discount Invest.	2435	5244	-
Mizrahi Invest.	18400	49	-3.5
Ciel 10	795	3738	-
Lendeco 0.1	6700	31	+1.1
Pama 0.1	8000	31	+1.1
Oil Exploration			
Pez Oil Expl.	13550	137	+4.7
J.O.E.L.	1515	2455	-

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Opec output moving towards 19m. BPD

LONDON (Reuters). - Opec oil output is heading towards a two-and-a-half year high of 19 million barrels per day (BPD) as several of its members, mainly in the Middle East, raise their production above agreed limits. *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* said yesterday.

The authoritative oil industry newsletter said in its latest issue that Iran and Iraq were managing to boost their volumes despite the Gulf war, and Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya were also contributing to the upsurge.

The latest output estimate is far

higher than the 16.3m. BPD overall ceiling for the current quarter agreed by Opec ministers at an emergency conference only two months ago.

The ministers met again on June 25 in Yugoslavia, and the newsletter's figures, if confirmed, would be certain to complicate their task of reallocating production quotas between the 13 Opec states.

Existing Opec output and price accords have been virtually abandoned as the continuing glut of oil has kept prices down around \$12, compared with some \$30 last November.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS June 16, 1986

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Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	7-days	30-days	90-days	180-days
LEUMI	16.6	7-15%	8-15.5%	9-15.5%	9-15.5%
HAPOLIM	20.5	8-14.5%	9-14.5%	9-14.5%	9-14.5%
DISCOUNT	5.6	7-13%	7-13%	7-13%	7-13%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8-16%	8-16%	8-16%	8-16%
FIRST INT'L	3.6	6-13%	7-13%	7-13%	7-13%

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Back to basics

THERE IS no alternative to dialogue between the religious and the secular Jewish communities in this country, the prime minister repeated in the Knesset yesterday.

Carefully weighing his words, Mr. Peres was merely stating the obvious, and his pronouncement was too compelling to allow dissent. But any religious-secular dialogue, to be fruitful, must plainly be held within the framework of a shared consensus. Mr. Peres suggested, rightly again, that the only such consensus can be provided by the 38-year-old Declaration of Independence.

It is a sign of the times that there are people in the country, and apparently within the Knesset itself, who need to be reminded what it is that the declaration is about: that it guarantees not only the right of Jews to freely immigrate to Israel, but also the complete equality of all its inhabitants, and the freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture.

Although it was unanimously endorsed by all the Jewish political parties that joined in setting up the State of Israel, the declaration is now something of an embarrassment to the country's Orthodox establishment. For the fundamental notions of Israel's civil polity that were expressed in it cannot be reconciled with the claim of inherent superiority made on behalf of religious culture over the culture - to some rabbis, the unculture - of the liberal secular democratic state. Nor can these notions be reconciled with the argument that, to be an authentic Jewish state, Israel must bow to the rule of halacha as interpreted by the Orthodox rabbinate.

Yet it is these assumptions on which the bulk of the organized Orthodox community - and not only the irrational, firebrand element within it - now seems to operate.

Even without bodily incorporating the halacha into its code of laws, Israel has gone a long way towards protecting the rights and interests of orthodoxy. Article 173 of the Penal Law, cited with approval by Mr. Peres in parliament yesterday as worthy of the courts' attention, makes it a crime punishable by one year's imprisonment to publish "any print, writing, picture or effigy calculated to outrage the religious feelings of other people." It is on this same article that MK Menahem Porush had based his claim of right to deface advertising posters that he, and some other ultra-Orthodox persons, considered obscene, hence offensive to their religious feelings, and which the police had failed to remove on their own.

Neither the Agudat Yisrael leader nor the prime minister appears to have taken notice of Article 174 of the Penal Law, which declares: "Any person who demolishes, destroys, pulls down or damages any building or monument intended for public use or ornament," to be liable to imprisonment for three years.

A bus shelter is not exactly a public monument, but it is surely a piece of construction intended for public use, and decorated with an ornament of sorts. If this is straining the logic of the law, it is not straining it half as much as MK Porush is doing in identifying obscenity with outrage to religious feeling, and in insisting that this should be the overriding consideration.

True, some of the posters in question have been in dreadfully poor taste, and they deserved to be pulled down by the law. The present controversy, however, is not about advertising posters on bus shelters at all, it is about who will lay down the law in this country. To Jerusalem's Eda Haredit, which triggered the religious-secular cycle of violence by first torching the bus shelters, the true "abomination" is not the "pictures" but, as the Eda secretary, Rabbi Yosef Scheinberger, put it, the Knesset, symbol of Israel's profane secular power.

The tragedy of Israel today is that the ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionist lunatic fringe is infecting almost the entire religious community with its norms of behaviour, or at least forces it to offer excuses for them.

Violence, whether religious or secular, and whether aimed at a synagogue or at a political-party office, must be proscribed by all the means available. But genuine understanding between religious and secular Jews will not be achieved without mutual respect for the beliefs held by both groups.

If religious leaders keep pressing their view that secular values represent mere "licentiousness" which must be crushed under the weight of Orthodox "piety," strife between the two communities will not abate, it will escalate.

TRUCK MISHAP

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which arrived at 9 a.m. and at 9:10 a.m. Three of the injured were in serious condition, four had intermediate injuries and four light injuries, he said.

"I woke up and felt the truck speeding down a hill. Suddenly someone shouted 'The driver's lost his brakes' and the truck overturned. It happened so fast, I didn't have time to feel anything," Edan Oren, 18 of Haifa, said in Hadassah Hospital orthopedic department. "We were all asleep, because we had been walking all night. We got on the truck, loaded our personal and military gear and fell fast asleep. The truck was very crowded."

It overturned at least once, I am a medical orderly, so I immediately gave first aid to the injured, until the Magen David Adom people came and took me aside."

Edan's arm was shattered in the accident and he believes the doctors

will have to put aluminum plates in it. "But it's not a serious injury," he said.

Lying on his side in Hadassah Hospital, his shattered arm slung at an awkward angle over the bed, his face lacerated, Edan had a good word to say about everybody. The "good" driver, he said, just couldn't control the truck. "It was out of his hands." The hospital's medical staff "saved us," he said.

Ronen Wolfson, of Mishmar Hanegev, was wheeled into the orthopedic department to join Edan. He was tired and dazed. "I woke up just before the truck overturned," he said. "Some of the soldiers were thrown out of the truck. I was left inside and succeeded in extricating myself," he explained.

Ben-Azar will be buried in his kibbutz at 2 p.m. today; Ophir, in the Ramat Yohanan cemetery at 4 p.m., and Set in the Yagur cemetery at 4 p.m.

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did not relate at all to the political echelon, meaning Shamir and then defence minister Moshe Arens. Hani said that he had no intention of initiating another meeting with Zahir on the subject "as I now have all the material I need to come to a decision."

Zahir also declined to comment on Olmert's charges. The reports, which appeared on radio and in *Ha'aretz*, were apparently based on Zahir's off-the-record farewell briefing to the legal reporters of the media.

In other developments, sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that Prime Minister Peres for several weeks prevented Zahir from seeing the three "dissident" former senior GSS officers who sparked the affair by complaining about Shalom. Zahir eventually got to see them after then justice minister Moshe Nissim interceded with Peres, the sources said.

However, Peres successfully and consistently opposed Zahir's attempts to interview the GSS's two legal advisers, who allegedly supervised the perjury by GSS officers

that is at the heart of the affair, the sources said.

Peres refused to allow Zahir access to the three - Reuven Hazak, Peleg Raddai and Rafi Malka - "because, apparently, he wanted to keep the whole matter buried," according to the sources. Zahir had asked to hear their version of what had happened. This followed Hazak's interview with the prime minister - from which Peres emerged supporting Shalom against the "dissidents" - and was after word of the Hazak-Raddai-Malka complaints about Shalom had reached Zahir through Justice Ministry officials, the sources said.

Peres dismissed the Hazak-Raddai-Malka allegations as an effort to dethrone Shalom and take his place, the sources said.

After several weeks, the sources said, Zahir, who argued that it was "unthinkable that the attorney-general should be stymied in such a way," went to Nissim. Nissim then persuaded the prime minister to allow Zahir to see the three men, the sources said.

UNDERMINING THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

SHLOMO AVINERI

ISRAEL DOES NOT have a written, formal constitution, regulating matters of religion and state. But it does have a social contract, which for decades allowed the secular majority and the religious minority to co-exist, albeit uneasily. Now it appears that this social contract is coming apart at the seams.

Those who think that a written constitution would solve Israel's problems should reflect on the fact that 200 years after the United States Constitution erected that much-hallowed "wall of separation" between state and church, these issues continue to haunt American public life. If Israeli religious fanatics burn bus shelters, American Christian fundamentalists burn and bomb abortion clinics. And the last U.S. presidential elections were held in the shadow of some very controversial remarks made by President Reagan on the relationship between state and religion, which triggered fears in the liberal community that the Moral Majority's fundamentalist onslaught concerning "Christianizing America" might be getting presidential approval.

Be this as it may, it just shows that the question cannot be solved by neat constitutional formulas copied from other states, especially when they do not seem to solve the problem in their original context. The question of state and religion is one of the most complex ones in the modern age, because both religion and the polity vie for attention in the public space of human affairs. How to regulate public space calls for prudence, wisdom, patience and tolerance. There is no quick fix to these problems.

IT IS FOR these reasons that we need to take another look at the unwritten, fuzzy and far from perfect Israeli social contract. It has never even been called a "social contract" - most people are not even aware that it exists. It is known by the ugly term "status quo." (What is better than a Latin term to regulate relations between religious and secular Jews?) But it enabled a secular majority and a religious minority to live side by side, both slightly unhappy, both grudgingly accepting the rules of the game - but, basically, coexisting. This is quite an achievement, for all the hypocrisy, occasional political corruption and double-talk involved. Sometimes clarity is the enemy of coexistence and tolerance.

Two sets of assumptions were at the root of this social contract: first,

that no consensus can be achieved on the role of religion in the Jewish state (hence the inability to draw up a formal constitution which would express such a consensus); second, and even more important, that in matters of religion and persuasion, majoritarian decision in which the secular majority would legislate simply by exercising its numerical preponderance, would not work. At the root of the Israeli social contract was the realization that democracy is a complex amalgam of majority vote plus respect for the views and rights of the minority.

Hence the anomaly of the Israeli social contract: no public transportation on the Sabbath - but taxis and private cars are, of course, operated; there is public observance of kashruth and Shabbat in the army and public institutions - but on Shabbat and most Jewish holidays, the beaches and the nature reserves of the country are full of Israeli holiday-makers who understand a holiday in a modern and not Orthodox sense. And last, and not least, the monopoly of the rabbinate in matters of marriage and divorce (a continuation of the old Ottoman "millet" system which was preserved also by the British Mandatory government).

SUCH AN uneasy compromise put great burdens on both sides. For a religious Jew, who has his own ideas of how a Shabbat should look in a Jewish society, the public visage of an Israeli Sabbath, especially in the summer, is an obvious abomination; for a secular Jew, the limitations on public transportation on the Sabbath and the restrictions on his or her personal liberty in matters of marriage and divorce are an affront to libertarian ideology. It was only natural that each of the two groups basically saw only the concessions it was making, and was blissfully oblivious to the concessions made by the other side. But this, after all, is in the nature of a compromise.

Whenever there was a crisis on religious affairs in Israel, it was not about the nature of this social contract - but about issues on its periphery. For all the unease about the lack of civil marriage in Israel, few Israeli secularists are ready to make it a prime political issue. The border cases (like marriages of a Cohen and a divorcee, or questions of *marzera*) have attracted public attention. Nobody ever questioned

the right of religious parents to educate their children in religious or ultra-Orthodox schools; the amount of money allotted to these schools, and the political maneuverings sometimes used to increase allocations created unease and drew occasional criticism. Nobody ever seriously questioned the right of the Orthodox, living in uniform religious areas like Mea She'arim, to close their quarter to traffic on Saturday. Conversely, not even the ultra-Orthodox have tried to stop traffic in predominantly secular areas: it was the borderline cases, like the Ramot Road, which created problems. And those problems could be handled.

THE GREAT danger facing us now is that because of violent acts by a small minority within the religious community, the secular majority may be pushed in to a situation in which the whole basis of the social contract will be threatened. When secular people - even a tiny minority - resort to burning a synagogue or defiling a religious school, there is a great danger of a total collapse of the fine and uneasy balance.

The police should do its work, and the government should take all the steps it thinks should be taken. But the burden rests with the public, or more precisely, with both publics, the religious and the secular.

The religious public should clearly condemn those who do not abide by the law, and not try to find ways of extenuating their illegal and criminal acts.

The secular public should likewise be critical of any anti-religious acts of violence. The secular public should also be sensitive to the sensibilities of the religious public. No Jewish secularist would dream of offending the religious sensibilities of a Christian or Moslem; should Jewish secularists not also be sensitive to Jewish religious sensibility?

And to those of our Jewish brothers and sisters from abroad, who somehow marvel at the power of the Orthodox in Israel - one simple caveat. The problem is not only us, the problem is also you. Give us 500,000 liberal, Reform or Conservative American immigrants in Israel and the power of the Orthodox rabbinate will vanish into thin air. Israel is, for better or for worse, what it is not only because of those who live there: it is what it is also because of those who are absent.

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READERS' LETTERS

OFFENSIVE ADS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Tsipi Kuper and others find some swimwear advertisements degrading to women ("Street Insults" - June 1), but since it is presumably men who do the degrading, permit one of them to give his views.

The advertisers are not to blame. No one compels a model to be photographed down on all fours or with her jeans half unzipped. She does it willingly. The advertisers are not fools. If research shows that exploitation sells, then they will use it.

The conclusion, however unpalatable it is to feminists, is that they are directing their anger at the wrong target, for it is apparent that many women like the debasement or don't really care.

I personally don't like it. I think it is unwholesome and a symptom of sexual illness in our society. I also don't like the advertisements simply because they seem to promise a sexual freedom that doesn't exist.

G.L. GOLDMAN
Tel Aviv.

Sir, - Tsipi Kuper states that the citizen is left with no effective legal form of protest against harmful or degrading advertisements. However, there is an effective legal alternative: an organized boycott of all Oberon clothing offending advertisers. This would include convincing shop owners not to stock their products and picketing stores which continue to sell them. Such an organized boycott campaign would get the attention of the media and the public. This would be a very effective legal tool to stop the unwanted advertisements.

IRWIN SHIRLEY AND
EVE SMALHEISER
Netanya.

FOES WITHIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - My compliments to Shmuel Katz on his excellent article of May 9. "False prophets won't face the facts." I heartily endorse his views.

It has been a constant source of frustration to see literate and competent writers scanning Israel so intently to pick out every little blemish and distort it out of all proportion. What a pity they don't use their energies and skills to fight the many external enemies seeking to wipe out Israel.

It is an old story in our history: we have as much to fear from the foes within as from those without.

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SAD SITUATION IN GALILEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Dvora Ben Shaul's article of June 2, "Galilee: cause for concern," was timely and to the point. At a time when funding is continuously shifted to projects in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), the Eastern Galilee remains a Jewish desert with oases of development becoming fewer and far between.

As one who moved to the Galilee from the centre of the country, I am appalled by our government's lack of concern for the development of this vital area. The politicians who visit us quickly deplore the sad situation here and then return the same afternoon by airplane, so that they don't have to risk their lives on the Galilee roads, like the rest of us.

If plans for the development, industrial or otherwise, of the Eastern Galilee exist, they have yellowed with age for lack of implementation. The way things generally go in Israel, they were probably written just in time for elections, and their seriousness matched the seriousness of the promises that were so eloquently given, and so lightly discarded afterwards.

Government offices have left Safad, once the "capital of Galilee," for the "fleshpots" of Lower Galilee, such as Upper Nazareth.

The "reconstituted" Jewish Agency, that great organization of Zionist activity, has not "reconstituted" itself with regard to Eastern Galilee. With regard to government activity, and the Jewish Agency, the northern border ends at the Haifa-Tiberias line.

Anyone who has studied the demography of the Galilee knows that the real problem is not who comes to the Galilee, but who remains. We suffer from the revolving-door syndrome. Over the years, more people have left the Galilee than stayed. Admittedly, the influx of people is fairly light. The situation is exacerbated, however, by the fact that there is nothing to keep them here, and that is our major problem.

Not unlike our other symbol, the Roaring Lion of Galilee, which stands guard near Trumpeldor's grave, our politicians roar scores of promises vis-a-vis our development towns and development areas. Like our roaring lion, their promises for development have remained petrified, and without "teeth."

Concern for Galilee? I would like to ask: "Whose concern?"

DAVID KASS
Rosh Pinna.

VOTING IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I would like to inform your readers of a recent change in UK law which will permit many British citizens to vote in general elections.

UK electors can now be placed on a register of electors for about five years after leaving the UK. Effectively, this will mean that anyone leaving the UK on or after October 10, 1981, will be eligible to vote during the year from February 16, 1987 to February 15, 1988. That is the year in which many people expect the general election to be held. However, to claim this right, urgent action is needed now. The official forms on which the claim to vote has to be made are not yet available, but

all the processes will have to be completed and filed, before October 10 this year.

I will send copies of the form, when available, to anyone who requests them. Write to me, c/o Conservatives Abroad Dept., 30 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HH. Tel. 01 630 9971 - 24 hr Answerphone).

If, in his or her letter, someone wishes to bring any political views to the attention of the government, then I will incorporate them in my regular report to the party chairman, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and through him to the cabinet.

Director,
Conservatives Abroad Dept.
London.

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Tora out of Zion

MYRON FENSTER

FOR CENTURIES Jews have been joyfully affirming the vision of Isaiah, the prophet: "Out of Zion will come forth the Torah and the word of God from Jerusalem." What a shame that today's Diaspora Jewry hears not edifying teachings of Tora out of Zion but ceaseless competition and enmity.

A serious and increasing problem for American Jewry is the proliferation of marginal and alienated Jews - of all ages. A new survey has confirmed what we long have guessed. Many American Jews are more concerned with combating anti-Semitism at home than with the defence, the well-being or the economy of the State of Israel. This bodes poorly for our future relationship.

We need help with these minimal-affiliated. We are currently not receiving it.

I write this sadly, and not easily. As one who has served American Jewry for more than 35 years and also briefly as a rabbi to the Moriah Congregation in Haifa, I view religious events in this country with mixed emotions.

I believe Judaism has a powerful message for our time and an ability to address the contemporary search for spiritual and religious values. I fear the message is not getting through. I do not excuse myself or those I represent. I wish we were all doing more and better. I am aware that many share with me the worry over the condition of the American Jew. We need that concern.

What I have in mind most directly is this: In the midst of detailed laws concerning the Sabbath, Maimonides interjects this penetrating observation: "The laws of the Tora are not meant as vengeance on the world but for compassion, grace and the perfection of the world." Where is the *hesed* and *rahamim* for which we religious Jews pray daily? If we cannot love one another, let us at least feel responsible for each other.

Personally, I have a recurrent nightmare that we are repeating the apathy and neutrality of Holocaust days, each Jewish community locked into its own circumstances, not caring sufficiently about the impact of our words and deeds on other Jewish communities the world over.

How else can we explain our relative indifference to Ethiopian Jews or Soviet Jewry and the crying justice of their cause? Why then are we not moved sufficiently on their behalf? I can report from personal experience how difficult it is to arouse American Jewry to activism for our people and how frustrating it is to see my fellow and sister Jews ensconced in comfort and affluence.

We need help. But we are not receiving it.

What we hear instead is the trumpeting of internal political power, a political response to a spiritual void, a diminution of religious vision. Spiritual problems, such as the meaning, purpose and direction of one's life, are not solved by political acts. Only religious deeds and spiritual responses will help.

Our people are capable of such a response. We can offer inspiring role models. What I have in mind is Ahad Ha'am's vision of a Jewish State pumping life-blood into the arteries of the Jewish people around the world. From where else, if not from Israel, shall our help come?

Students of Tora increase peace in the world. So we have been taught. How is the peace of the world increased by an aggressive fundamentalist theology, by misnamed controversy not really over "who is a Jew" but "who is a rabbi," which yields little that is of help to the Jewish people. In the meantime the potential convert stands agast, caught in the cross-fire of controversy.

Riots proceed from demonstrations on the Temple Mount, calls continue for the expulsion of Arabs, Halachic rulings are given against non-Jews, endless discussions proceed on the validity of kashruth certificates to hotels where the secular and calendar new year is celebrated. All of this in the name of religion and supposedly to defend the Jewish tradition!

ARE the perpetrators of negations not aware that all their pronouncements often yield is a cynical "plague on all your houses of worship." If these are the fruits of the religious purpose, where then are its root-nourishing values? Is this what we are asking Diaspora Jewry to emulate? Is this going to move the alienated toward a Jewish commitment?

After all, the moral influence and the ethical element in Judaism is not a late graft onto its body. The words of the rabbis are still relevant: "The mitzvot were given only to unify and refine human kind." Imitation is a powerful force in human affairs when it is contained in an attractive role model. A ritual rigidity or ethnic exclusivity will not inspire over the long run. Jewish *hesed*, *rahamim* will.

Now I am well aware that such comment as I have offered is often dismissed with the comment, "let the critic come and live among us and help solve whatever problem do exist!" Such dismissal is to quick. By its standard, those who care and are committed to the Jewish future account for nothing, if the live outside of Israel. We are engaged in a mutually shared aspiration and enterprise. The spiritual future of the Jewish people is a serious matter for it to be so custody of any single segment of the stakes are higher for all of us.

In fact, those who live here have come on aliya are often marvelous examples of dedication and devotion to the Jewish people. They will be the primary creators of the future and it is therefore to them that we look for leadership and inspiration.

The State of Israel itself is a major force making for the Jewish future. Its absorption and integration of Jews from all over has been and continues to be exactly that example to its citizens to increase its effectiveness in matters of spiritual and religious purpose. In sum, we need cool our rhetoric and continue positive ways.

What we hope for is the time when those devoted to the religious goals of Judaism will be zealous for influence and reputation. I am to that this is a pious wish, a naive notion. I am pleased then to join Isaiah the son of Amotz in such naive and piety.

We in the Diaspora need help. Israel has the power to supply it. May Tora come out of Zion. God's word from Jerusalem!

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